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To the NARST Community:

NARST is a worldwide organization for improving science teaching and learning through research. A hallmark of NARST is its approximately one-third international membership and the vibrant dialogue and collaboration that exists amongst colleagues seeking to communicate knowledge generated through research and achieve the ultimate goal of enabling all learners to achieve scientific literacy.

NARST is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment that enables the association to be a haven for the scholarly exchange and collaboration amongst science education scholars and researchers. On 27 January 2017 Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order restricting the travel of immigrant and nonimmigrant visitors to the United States. The leading scientific, engineering and academic organizations in the US are calling on President Trump to rescind the executive order on immigration and visas, declaring it damaging to scientific progress, innovation, and science and engineering capacity. As one of the leading international science education research organizations we stand in solidarity with other scientific, engineering and academic organizations in the US noting the Executive Order poses grave consequences for the scholarly exchange and collaboration that is at the heart of all science and science education scholarly endeavors.

It is imperative for science education scholars worldwide to have the benefit of engaging and working with talented researchers and graduate students from countries around the world to advance the highest quality scholarship. The knowledge generated from such scholarship is critical to improving education both in the United States and throughout the world.

We urge President Trump to revoke the Executive Order restricting the travel of immigrant and nonimmigrant visitors to the United States. The Executive Order poses a significant impediment to scholarly collaboration, knowledge production, and the ability of scientific and science education organizations to be among the world leaders in advancing knowledge and innovation.

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