



ASBMB statement on President Donald J. Trump's executive order restricting immigration

In response to an executive order on immigration issued by President Donald J. Trump on Friday, thousands of scientists who were recruited here for their expertise and talent. In 2008, nearly 60 percent of science postdoctoral researchers were temporary residents of the U.S. The National Science Foundation reports that the life sciences had the highest employment growth among immigrants and scientists and engineers between 2003 and 2013.

Most of the ASBMB's members travel internationally on a routine basis to present their groundbreaking discoveries to scientific audiences and to forge collaborations with colleagues who have necessary expertise and equipment.

The ASBMB, like most nonprofit scientific societies, also draws upon the expertise of researchers from abroad. Researchers showcase their science in front of American audiences. It also hosts workshops.

In sum, the work of the society cannot be done if its members cannot travel freely or do so at a comfortable cost.

We also recognize that travel bans affect our members, their students and their collaborators on a personal level. Principal investigators, lab managers, technicians and students cannot do their





work if they're preoccupied with the fear of their relatives and friends being detained while trying to come visit for holidays, special occasions, births and funerals.