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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Montgomery College Community  
**From:** Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President  
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As you have likely heard, last Tuesday the US Supreme Court stayed preliminary injunctions issued by US District Courts in Maryland and Hawaii that had partially blocked the restrictions on travel set forth under the most recent version of President Trump's travel ban issued on September 24, 2017. Although the Supreme Court's order is not a final decision on the merits, it does allow the Trump administration to fully enforce the restrictions imposed by the September 24th proclamation while lower courts decide the legality of the restrictions. This third iteration of the travel ban places varying levels of restrictions on foreign nationals from eight countries: Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen.

The White House [FAQ webpage](#) explicitly states that current visas will not be revoked and that the restrictions are expressly limited to individuals who did not have a valid visa on the effective date of the proclamation. However, given questions of interpretation and enforcement, MC students, faculty, and staff from the affected countries are strongly encouraged to consider potential consequences if they are planning to leave the United States during the upcoming winter break.

Since the immigration circumstances of people may be different, I encourage anyone with questions to visit the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [fact sheet](#) to examine carefully how the rule changes may impact individual cases. Answers to more specific questions by DHS can be found at its [Q&A page](#). International students who have questions or concerns about their visa statuses should contact one of our campus international student coordinators. For those who need legal advice, the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) has a [directory](#) of free and low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services. Montgomery County's Charles W. Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center has also posted some useful [resources](#).

The College will continue to welcome students, faculty, and staff born abroad, and embrace the unique talents and perspectives they bring to the US. As I said in my January and March memos on this topic, international students, faculty, and staff are valued members of the Montgomery College community. We will continue to support access to education for all who seek it. Our classrooms and counseling centers will continue to be welcoming places where people of all origins are esteemed.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [President@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:President@montgomerycollege.edu). Thank you for your continuing support of our students and of one another.