

University of Massachusetts Medical School

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UMass Medical School Chancellor Michael F. Collins' statement regarding the decision by a U.S. District Court judge in Massachusetts to not extend the temporary stay on the Executive Order on immigration:

"On behalf of our colleagues and students at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, I am disappointed and disheartened to learn that a U.S. District Court judge in Boston has ruled that an extension of the temporary restraining order is not warranted at this time.

Since it was issued on January 27, 2017, this Executive Order has caused anxiety and confusion at our University, and threatened to impede our ability to fulfill our mission of advancing the health and well-being of the people of the commonwealth and the world through education, research and patient care.

Lingering uncertainty for faculty, visiting scholars, students, medical residents, postdoctoral fellows, employees and their families makes it difficult for them to do their important work – work that is important to everyone in the commonwealth.

Diseases, cures, and innovative ideas know no geographic boundaries. Our international students, resident physicians and post-docs who presently comprise such an important part of our academic health center community are confused, concerned and frightened. They are our colleagues. They are integral to our mission. They have our support and they deserve better from our nation."

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