

TO: HGC Board and Members

FROM: The Harvard Graduate Council

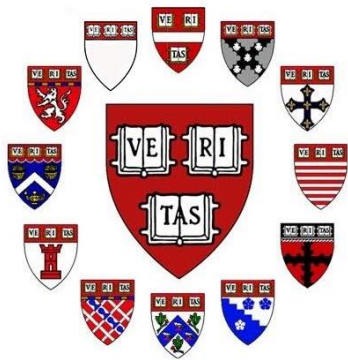
SUBJECT: Open Letter Regarding Executive Order on Immigration

DATE: 13 February 2017

Dear Members,

We, the Harvard Graduate Council (HGC), the representative body for the 15,250 graduate students of Harvard University, stand as a united body against the polarization affecting this country and the rest of the world. On January 27th, 2017, an executive order was issued that has brought fear, unrest, and anxiety to our communities — groups of great diversity in interests and origins, to which we are all inextricably connected. We believe in bridging the divisive nature of this order. We stand for providing safe environments dedicated to equality and due process. Thus, with conviction, we join to reaffirm the importance of our collective strength in communicating and identifying harmful behaviors and passionately, but respectfully, challenging the apparatuses which create them. Irrespective of specific politics, on which we respect the right of every student to his or her own opinion, this body is united as advocates for truth, which includes the values of integrity and justice.

In Respectful Solidarity,



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