



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 100,000 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 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 researchers who have necessary expertise and equipment.

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

In sum, the work of the society cannot be done if its members cannot travel freely and comfortably doing so.

We also recognize that travel bans affect our members, their students and their colleagues on a personal level. Principal investigators, lab managers, technicians and students can





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.