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3 Title: Immigration
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee E
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11 House Action: **APPROVE**
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14 Whereas, the recent Presidential Executive Order temporarily banning immigration from seven
15 countries has created chaos, fear and uncertainty among physicians and their patients, and
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17 Whereas, the recent Presidential Executive Order temporarily banning immigration from seven
18 countries threatens the free exchange of medical ideas, experience and perspectives, and
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20 Whereas, International Medical Graduates have a crucial impact on internal medicine, making up
21 more than 50 percent of the residency slots in 2016, filling gaps through care provided to underserved
22 residents and veterans and serving as faculty in top internal medicine programs across the US, and
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24 Whereas, 24 percent of all practicing physicians in the US in 2015 were international medical
25 graduates, and
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27 Whereas, restrictions on immigration for physicians would adversely affect patient care in the US
28 for years to come, and
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30 Whereas, over the past 50 years, the US biomedical research enterprise has benefited greatly from
31 the ideas, creativity, ingenuity and drive of international medical graduates and other non-US nationals
32 engaged in biomedical research, and
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34 Whereas, an immigration policy that blocks the best and brightest from coming to work and train
35 in the United States and blocks our trainees, physicians and faculty from traveling to other countries is a
36 step backward that will harm our patients, our colleagues and America's position as a world leader in
37 health care and innovation; therefore be it
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39 RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA
40 to lobby the US Congress and other appropriate US government officials to exempt physicians from any
41 current or future ban or suspension impacting immigration or the issuance of a J1 Visa or H1-B Visa.
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44 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

Relevant AMA Policy:

Financial Impact of Immigration on American Health System D-160.988

Our AMA will: (1) ask that when the US Department of Homeland Security officials have physical custody of undocumented foreign nationals, and they deliver those individuals to US hospitals and physicians for medical care, that the US Office of Customs and Border Protection, or other appropriate agency, be required to assume responsibility for the health care expenses incurred by those detainees, including detainees placed on "humanitarian parole" or otherwise released by Border Patrol or immigration officials and their agents; and (2) encourage that public policy solutions on illegal immigration to the United States take into consideration the financial impact of such solutions on hospitals, physicians serving on organized medical staffs, and on Medicare, and Medicaid.