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The American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)

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Rockville, MD - The American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) issued the following statement on President Trump's Proclamation on Immigration and Visas:

“ASPET condemns yesterday's proclamation placing restrictions on nonimmigrants who wish to work and study in the U.S. This action will harm our nation's scientific enterprise and reduce our competitiveness in higher education and across many key industries.

Foreign talent is a key driver of American preeminence and success in the biomedical sciences. Skilled workers on visas are responsible for cutting-edge research in pharmacology, leading or supporting efforts to develop drugs and therapies that mitigate or eliminate disease. Many of the labs around the country working to develop vaccines and therapeutics to treat opioid addiction, COVID-19, and other harmful diseases employ holders of H, J, and L visas, and rely on their contributions. Even if exceptions are made for certain researchers, the message is clear: the U.S. is no longer a welcoming country for foreign talent. Making American science less reliant on the abilities of the world's brightest minds doesn't strengthen our country, it harms it, and we will be worse off for these actions.”

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