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Dear members of the School of Medicine Community,

On Monday, July 6, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced a change in policy affecting international students throughout the country. This abrupt change has caused additional stress for members of our community, especially our international students, and introduced a great deal of uncertainty into many lives.

We stand firmly with our international students. Our international students are integral members of the WashU family. We will support them and their educational goals to the utmost of our ability. We have reviewed each of our programs and believe we are well positioned to protect our international students from ICE's ill-conceived policy change.

Diversity of backgrounds, viewpoints, and experiences is a core dimension of academic and clinical excellence. International students are essential to the vitality of our university community, our St Louis community and country.

Sincerely,

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