

Friends,

Santa Cruz Meeting's Peace and Social Justice committee has prepared the following statement about travel restrictions specifically targeting Muslims.

in Peace,

Jesse Frey

"Any ban targeting Muslim immigration to the United States violates the mission and values of the Religious Society of Friends. We abhor all scapegoating and discrimination.

As a religious organization long committed to religious freedom, we value diversity, mutual respect, and inclusion, all of which this immigration ban jeopardizes. The ban erodes our hope that these values will serve as the foundation for U.S. decisions around the globe.

A ban on Muslim immigration poisons the public's understanding of Islam in particular and religion in general. It blatantly and explicitly discriminates against Islam and Muslims, and appears to provide special treatment for Christians. It violates our national commitment to respect persons of all religions.

We call on the President and Congress to oppose Muslim immigration bans and to denounce religious intolerance in all its forms.

As Quakers, we believe that the freedom and safety of our nation and the world depend on justice for all peoples.