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ASA, CSSA, SSSA Statement on Harmful New Ice Policy on International Students:

The misguided and unwise ICE policy prohibiting international students from remaining in the United States if all classes are online as a result of COVID-19 will harm our ability to attract the world's best and brightest to study here, work here and create industries and jobs of the future.

Now is not the time to limit flexibility. Now is not the time to unnecessarily put international students in limbo.

For the U.S. to continue to be a STEM leader, we must maintain a robust visa program open to all nations. International students are major contributors to the research enterprise and America's unparalleled innovation economy.

We urge the administration to immediately reverse course and continue to allow maximum flexibility for international students to study at our nation's colleges and universities during these uncertain times.

In addition, view [an open letter to the White House, Department of Homeland Security and Department of State](#), as signed by 67 scientific societies.