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Subject: Student Visa Revocation

As you are undoubtedly aware, recent Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and State actions toward international students and scholars are causing substantial concern and confusion on campuses across the country.

These actions include reports of student visa revocations and Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record terminations, often accompanied by request of the visa holders to self-deport without information on a right or process to appeal the decision. Institutions are not consistently notified of the visa revocation or record termination in individual cases, nor are they required to be under the law, limiting the support that can be provided to affected students in a timely manner, and substantial ambiguity on reasons. While APLU respects the role of the federal government in visa vetting and determining who should be allowed to enter and remain in the country, such actions should be taken for justifiable reasons and with appropriate information sharing to affected individuals, and to institutions where appropriate.

APLU is taking the following steps in furtherance of clarity:

- APLU joined 15 higher education associations in [requesting](#) a briefing from the Departments of Homeland Security and State seeking additional information on the underlying policy and future planned actions impacting international students.
- APLU is engaging senior State Department leadership on the importance of international student issues to member institutions.
- APLU staff are meeting with key, majority and minority, members of congressional committees to detail impacts and seek additional information on State and DHS policies.
- APLU is engaged with national media to raise awareness of concerns, e.g. WSJ: [Student Visas are Being Revoked Without Reason or Warning, Colleges Say](#).
- APLU is deeply engaged in advocacy coalitions on high-skilled immigration issues that include industry partners who share concerns on importance of international students to the nation.

- On Wednesday, April 16, the Council on Governmental Affairs (CGA) and Commission on International Initiatives (CII) will convene in an open forum to discuss impacts on member institutions, informing the association's further advocacy. The CGA and CII will receive further information on the forum.

We anticipate increasing numbers of students will be impacted by these actions. As they occur, I encourage you to share your outstanding questions and concerns with [Craig Lindwarm](#), APLU's Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs, and [Bernie Burrola](#), APLU's Vice President, Office of International, Community, and Economic Engagement.

Sincerely,

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