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UC Student Leaders Unite to Condemn President Trump's Proclamation on Chinese International Students

SACRAMENTO, CA - In response to President Trump's May 29th "Proclamation on Suspension And Limitation of Entry of Chinese Students in Believed Relation to the People's Republic of China (PRC)," University of California Student Association (UCSA) President Varsha Sarveshwar and UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC) President Connor Strobel issued the following statement:

"University of California students are deeply troubled by the Trump administration's recent proclamation and its potential impact on our graduate international students by derailing their education and disrupting the university mission of discovery and public research.

The Trump Administration has provided no credible evidence to justify this unprecedented crackdown on international students — and no clear policy to ensure that this proclamation will not be used as a smokescreen. We are further concerned about the lack of transparency around the State Department's procedure and authority in evaluating which students are able to participate or continue their education, especially as we continue to face the health and economic impacts of a global pandemic.

On behalf of over 285,000 students at the University of California, we express our strongest objection to the president's proclamation and call for full transparency between the State Department and the institutions of higher education in order to minimize the impact of this proclamation on our students, our institutions, and our public university mission of education, research, discovery, and innovation."