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President Donald Trump's Immigration Executive Orders Demean America's Core Values

America has always been a land of immigrants. Our nation's diversity is one of its greatest assets and should be encouraged, protected, and treasured. The community of lawyers who comprise the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA), as well as the thousands of workers they represent, reflect the multiplicity of races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds of America. Our steadfast advocacy on behalf of workers is rooted in our shared commitment to ensuring equality and justice for all.

President Trump's recent executive orders denying entry to the United States to immigrants, visitors, and refugees from seven majority Muslim nations, and building a wall to separate us from our neighbors in Mexico, demean America's values of fairness, equality, due process, and compassion. Any kind of government action that discriminates against individuals on the basis of religion or national origin is antithetical to these values and cannot be tolerated.

NELA condemns President Trump's executive orders on immigration, and will redouble our efforts to fight injustice and discrimination.

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