

RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

8TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

2367 RAYBURN
HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

TELEPHONE: (202) 225-3711
FAX: (202) 225-7830

1701 EAST WOODFIELD ROAD, SUITE 704
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

TELEPHONE: (847) 413-1060
FAX: (847) 413-1065

www.krishnamoorthi.house.gov

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC
COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
& CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY:
RANKING MEMBER
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY
SUBCOMMITTEE:
ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENERGY POLICY,
& REGULATORY AFFAIRS
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE
SUBCOMMITTEE:
THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

I am writing to you to express my profound concern over credible and troubling reports that next week your Administration plans to implement a new travel ban on travelers from approximately two dozen countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan.

U.S. immigration policy must be advanced by American values, prosperity, and security, but this potential travel ban would harm these efforts. With respect to Afghanistan, for example, this ban could leave thousands in limbo, many of whom are former translators, military aides, and government workers promised protections from Taliban retaliation and who are in the lawful process of obtaining a U.S. visa. It would be unjust for the United States to shut the door on those who risked everything to help us and are going through proper immigration channels, while your administration also shuts down multiple refugee programs. Eliminating safe and secure legal immigration pathways only hurts our national security.

Regrettably, our country has been down this path before. In your first term, I stood against your unconstitutional "Muslim ban," protesting at O'Hare International Airport when the administration wrongfully denied entry to legitimate visitors and lawful permanent residents from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. And I and numerous others are prepared to do this again.

Reinstating this discriminatory policy for additional countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan, would not only harm family reunification but also weaken our national security and economy. The 2017 travel ban prevented medical professionals, and business leaders from entering the United States, hurting industries that rely on international talent. It also sent a message of exclusion, fueling prejudice toward our Muslim neighbors and constituents, as well as non-white members of all faiths who routinely face the same discrimination during such periods of prejudice. Your impending course of action must be reconsidered to ensure that our policies truly reflect American values.

I strongly request you refrain from taking such harmful actions and instead take actions that welcome those of all faiths and nationalities who abide by the lawful process to visit or reside in our great nation.

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress