

Advocacy Committee Report

Dear All,

The new administration has created an atmosphere of anxiety for our members. Their anti-immigrant policies especially anti Muslim rhetoric will make it difficult to get Visas for our incoming residents; it will also make it difficult for our non-immigrant visa holders to travel to Pakistan without fear.

Before the election some of us thought it may be just to please the base but now it is evident that it is their intension to limit even legal immigration to USA. So my appeal to you is that this is a danger that can't be ignored.

Now they are doing it through executive orders. Later they might get congress to go along with them.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Engage in local communities as it is important to meet with others so that by the next election voters may realize that we are not so scary after all. Keep those marches going on. Keep collaborating with those who are resisting these racist policies. Let me tell you what your advocacy committee is doing.

They are meeting with their senators, congressmen and women to be the champion of our cause. So if an executive order requires validation from the legislative branch they will resist it as the courts did.

Advocacy committee had two conference calls in which all its members along with Executive Committee participated. We have drafted a letter to be given to our legislators outlining our concerns. This letter has been distributed to all chapters and Alumni presidents and can be reviewed on APPNA web site.

We have met with multiple members already and had a positive response. Please come to spring meeting and hear out the senators and others who are our friends to encourage them to keep on speaking on our behalf. Donate to advocacy committee so we can continue this campaign on your behalf.

Regards,

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