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U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to VOTE YES on the NO BAN Act. Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 116th Congress.

#### **Why the NO BAN Act is needed**

- In the name of national security, the Trump administration has issued a series of executive orders banning immigration from Muslim-majority countries, severely limiting refugees, and denying entry to asylum seekers at our southern border.
- In actuality, these orders target people based on their religion and/or ethnicity—a violation of core American values and our Constitution's guarantees of freedom of religion and due process.

#### **What the NO BAN Act would do**

- Immediately repeal all versions of the administration's Muslim, refugee, and asylum bans.
- Require the executive branch to base any future restrictions on immigration or entry into the United States on "specific and credible facts" connected to "specific acts," meet a compelling government interest, and employ the least restrictive means.
- Require the executive branch to notify and brief Congress on the status, implementation, and constitutional and legislative authority for any future restrictions.
- Specifically prohibit discrimination based on religion in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

#### **Why educators support the NO BAN Act**

- Banning people from entering our country based simply on where they are from or what they might believe violates the core values on which our nation was founded.
- Freedom of religion and equal protection under the law are fundamental principles of our Constitution and the rule of law.
- As educators, we don't teach hate, we don't tell people how to pray, and we don't ban people based on their religion.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to VOTE YES on the NO BAN Act.

Sincerely,

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