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AABA Civil Rights Committee presents

Rising Against Hate

Webinar on the Efforts by SF Bay Area Community Leaders and Organizations to Address Anti-Asian Harassment and Hate Crimes During the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Speakers



Cynthia Choi
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Co-Director

Cynthia Choi has led local, state and national community-based organizations working on a range of issues from reproductive justice, gender based violence, immigrant/refugee rights and environmental justice issues in both the nonprofit sector and in philanthropy.



Chesa Boudin
San Francisco District Attorney

Chesa Boudin is the new District Attorney of San Francisco. Personally, impacted by parental incarceration and the failings of the criminal justice system, Chesa was inspired to become a public defender, and now, decarceral prosecutor. He is focused on reforming the criminal justice system and making our communities safer by developing data-driven policies to expand alternatives to incarceration and treat the root causes of crime. In his first two months in office, Chesa implemented California's first diversion program for primary caregivers, ended the office's practice of asking for cash bail, eliminated status enhancements, and ended the prosecution of charges resulting from racist pre-textual traffic stops.



Aarti Kohli
Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus
Executive Director

Aarti Kohli landed in Queens, NY as a seven-year-old with her family and saw first-hand what it means to be a struggling immigrant in the U.S. She is currently the Executive Director at Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus, the first organization in the country to represent and promote the legal and civil rights of Asian and Pacific Islander communities. She also helps guide the state and national policy work of the Advancing Justice affiliation with partners in LA, Chicago, Atlanta and Washington DC. Formerly, she was the Director of Immigration Policy at the Warren Institute at UC Berkeley School of Law. P.



John Hamasaki
AABA President / San Francisco
Police Commissioner

John Hamasaki is a trial lawyer and the founder of Hamasaki Law, where he defends individuals facing prosecution in State and Federal courts throughout Northern California. John is AABA's current President as well as a member of the San Francisco Police Commission. As a commissioner, John has worked with advocates, community groups, and law enforcement to address issues of anti-Asian bias in the community.

Moderator



Mari Bandoma Callado
AABA Civil Rights Committee Co-Chair
Dolan Law Firm, PC Senior Associate

Mari Bandoma Callado is a trial lawyer and represents workers in wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation cases as well as personal injury matters including hate crimes, elder abuse and neglect cases. In addition to co-chairing the AABA CRC, Mari serves on several boards and committees of bar associations and non-profits.

STOP AAPI HATE

Has received close to **1,500** reports. 

Reported incidents are **nationwide** (45 states)
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 and **16.7%** from the **Bay Area**.

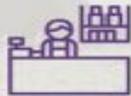
With shelter-in-place, a **significant number**
of incidents are now taking place in:



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Pharmacies



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Seniors (over 60)

Are involved in nearly **13%** of incidents.

Young Adults (20-29)

Are involved in nearly **30%** of incidents.

AAPI Women



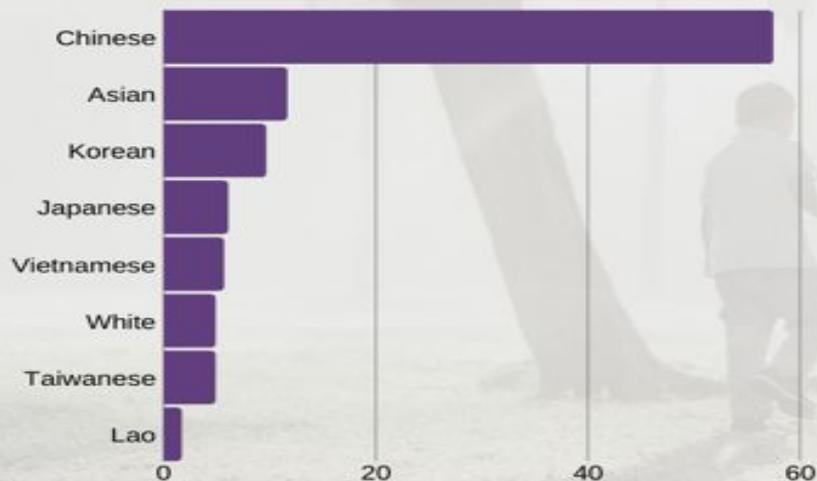
Have reported **2x** more incidents
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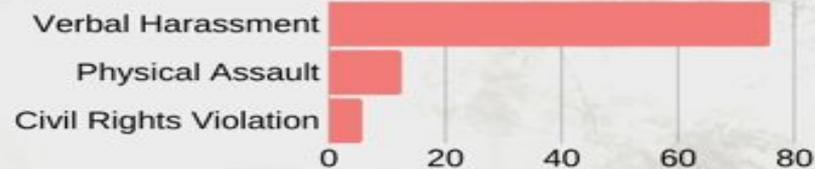
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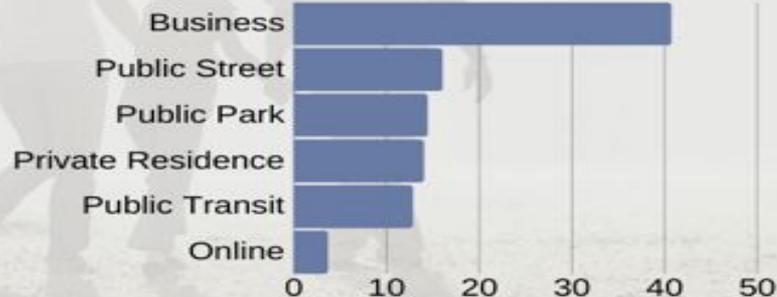
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STOP AAPI HATE Receives over 1,100 Incident Reports of Verbal Harassment, Shunning and Physical Assault in Two Weeks

LOS ANGELES—Since its official launch on March 19, 2020, the [STOP AAPI HATE](#) reporting center has received over 1,100 reports of coronavirus discrimination from Asian Americans across the country. The reporting center was founded by the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON), Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and San Francisco State University's Asian American Studies Department.

Trends from week two can be found in the April 3rd report, linked [here](#). They include the following:

- Stop AAPI Hate has received 1,135 reports in its first two weeks
- AAPI women are harassed at twice the rate of men
- AAPI children/youth are involved in 6.3% of the incidents
- Despite shelter-in-place policies being implemented across the nation, the number of discriminatory incidents remains high
- With shelter-in-place, a significant number of incidents are now taking place in grocery stores, pharmacies and big box retail

We encourage individuals who have experienced hate as a result of COVID-19 to continue to report at www.a3pcon.org/stopaapihate. The incident report form is now available in Vietnamese and Khmer, Vietnamese and Hindi as well as English, Simplified and Traditional

Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Thai, with Tagalog and a few additional South Asian languages coming soon. The lead organizations are working with public, private and other community-based organizations to develop targeted education and media campaigns, to provide resources for impacted individuals and to advocate for policies and programs dedicated to curtailing racial profiling.

“The flood of incidents related to anti-Asian hate--over 1,100 and counting--reflect the hostile environment that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders face during this pandemic. The data helps us respond to specific community needs and make targeted policy recommendations. These include providing mental health resources to bullied youth and ensuring that stores provide safe access for AAPIs to their goods and services.” said Russell Jeung, Ph.D., chair and professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University.

It’s disheartening to see such a high number of incidents, especially when we consider that much of the nation is sheltered-in-place,” stated Manjusha Kulkarni, executive director of Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON). Being targeted at grocery stores, pharmacies and in their neighborhoods adds an additional challenge for Asian Americans during this crisis. It makes basic tasks of everyday living-- buying food, filling prescriptions and getting a little exercise-- all the more difficult.”

“Our task ahead of us is to provide resources and information for impacted communities. We also need to mobilize community groups and to demand greater accountability from government agencies and leaders to address anti-Asian racism,” said Cynthia Choi co-executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA). “In times of crisis and longer term, we need to work alongside other communities that are targeted to get at the underlying causes of hate.”

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The [Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council](#) (A3PCON) is a coalition of more than forty community-based organizations that serve and represent the 1.5 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the greater Los Angeles area, with a particular focus on low-income, immigrant, refugee and other vulnerable sectors of the population.

[Chinese for Affirmative Action](#) was founded in 1969 to protect the civil and political rights of Chinese Americans and to advance multiracial democracy in the United States. Today, CAA is a progressive voice in and on behalf of the broader Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We advocate for systemic change that protects immigrant rights, promotes language diversity, and remedies racial and social injustice.

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By [Dion Lim](#)

Monday, February 24, 2020

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SAN FRANCISCO (KGO) -- Disturbing video showing an elderly man collecting cans in San Francisco's Bayview neighborhood and then being assaulted and reduced to tears is gaining attention around the world

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"The video is very disgusting to see. Elder abuse." — Supervisor [@shamannwalton](#) speaks about this viral video of an elderly Asian man attacked, bullied & humiliated by a group of people for collecting empty cans in a Bayview neighborhood. [@SFPDBayview](#) working the case. [#racism](#)



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San Francisco Supervisor Shamann Walton, who represents the Bayview District, condemned the incident on Monday.

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The city leader is vowing to continue efforts to implement programs like expanding the Vision Zero plan to combat violence in neighborhoods and lobbying for more resources to unify communities.

"Elder abuse is taking place," Walton said. "We're working on getting somebody intermittently who can work with our office to coordinate how to respond to and prevent and intervene in violence in our district as a whole."

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happened over the weekend and believe they could have helped the situation.

"Yes, I think so. If Johnny, the one who speaks Chinese on my team, could have been here to talk to him, to tell him what was going on and help him get out of there," said Schevonne Baty, the community ambassador team lead for Visitacion Valley.

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While racial slurs can be heard in the video, San Francisco police have not yet called the incident a hate crime.

Police are investigating and trying to locate and identify the victim and witnesses.

Offers to help the victim and his family are pouring in from all over the world and from high-profile celebrities, but funds can't be given out until the victim is identified.

SFPD encourages those who knew anything about the incident to call their anonymous tip line at (415) 575-4444

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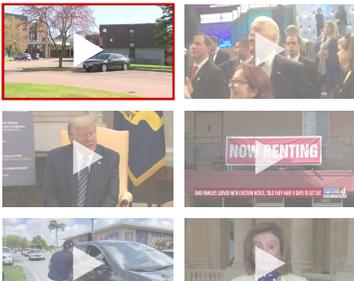
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Community Advisory
What You Should Know About Trump's Latest Immigration Ban

Last Updated: April 22, 2020

Dear Community Members and Friends,

Earlier this evening, the Trump administration issued a Proclamation expanding immigration restrictions in a broad attempt to further its xenophobic agenda while distracting Americans from its own failure to adequately respond to the coronavirus pandemic. This Proclamation builds on a number of anti-immigrant policies put forward by the administration in the last several years by closing off almost all legal pathways to immigration.

In a blatant attempt to pit communities of color and immigrants against one another, the Proclamation exploits the record levels of unemployment caused by the pandemic, to restrict immigration under the guise of protecting workers and minorities. Targeting immigrants does nothing to achieve economic justice and only further marginalizes and dehumanizes our immigrant communities.

In this advisory, drafted by the attorneys at Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus and CAIR San Francisco Bay Area, we cover information about the administration's latest ban on nearly all immigration to the United States.

Please note that this information is subject to change.

Timing

The Ban on entry to the United States with immigrant visas is effective 11:59pm Eastern Daylight Time on April 23, 2020. The Ban is to last for 60 days (until June 22, 2020), after which it may be extended.

Who is Impacted Under the Ban?

Any foreign national seeking to obtain an immigrant visa to enter the U.S. who:

- Is outside the United States at 11:59pm on April 23, 2020; and
- Does not have a valid immigrant visa in their passport as of 11:59pm on April 23, 2020; and

- Does not have another valid official travel document, such as a transportation letter, a boarding foil, or an advance parole document.

This means that nearly all parents and adult children of U.S. Citizens, spouses and children of green card holders, and applicants for most employment based immigrant visas will not be able to obtain immigrant visas to enter the U.S. for the duration of this ban.

The Ban Does Not Apply To:

- U.S. Citizens
- U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders)
- Individuals entering the U.S. on non-immigrant visas
- Individuals who are present in the U.S. and applying for adjustment of status
- Individuals entering on immigrant visas as medical professionals
- Those seeking entry to the U.S. to do COVID-related work, and their spouses and unmarried children under 21 years old
- Individuals seeking to enter on the EB-5 Immigrant Investors Program
- Spouses and children under 21 years old of U.S. Citizens
- Individuals “whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives”
- Members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses and children
- Nationals of Afghanistan and Iraq who are entering the U.S. on Special Immigrant Visas for having served as interpreters for the U.S. Armed Forces, and their spouses and children
- Those seeking asylum, refugee status, withholding of removal, or protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT)
- Anyone whose entry is deemed to be in the “national interest”

How to Help

- We are calling on all Americans to [urge their members of Congress](#) to fight President Trump's plans to "temporarily suspend immigration into the United States" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Join Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus and CAIR San Francisco Bay Area’s efforts to continue to call for [No Muslim Ban Ever](#) in partnership with the National Immigration Law Center and MPower Change. While tonight’s Ban is new, the work to repeal the existing Muslim Ban continues.

How to Get Legal Help

Both of our organizations provide information and legal services free of charge. You should contact our organizations if:

- You or someone you know is impacted by this ban and would like free legal advice or assistance.
- Your community would like to request a virtual “Know Your Rights” presentation.

CAIR SF Bay Area:

408.986.9874 or online at: bit.ly/cairsfbaimmigration

Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus:

415.848.7733 or online at: bit.ly/TravelIntake

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus

HEALTHCAREIssued on: **January 31, 2020**

The United States has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (“2019-nCoV”) (“the virus”) first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China (“China”). The virus was discovered in China in December 2019. As of January 31, 2020, Chinese health officials have reported approximately 10,000 confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in China, more than the number of confirmed cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) during its 2003 outbreak. An additional 114 cases have been confirmed across 22 other countries; in several of these cases, the infected individuals had not visited China. More than 200 people have died from the virus, all in China.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people and others circulate among animals, including camels, cats, and bats. Animal coronaviruses are capable of evolving to infect people and subsequently spreading through human-to-human transmission. This occurred with both Middle East Respiratory Syndrome and SARS. Many of the individuals with the earliest confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan, China had some link to a large seafood and live animal market, suggesting animal-to-human transmission. Later, a growing number of infected individuals reportedly did not have exposure to animal markets, indicating human-to-human transmission. Chinese officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring in China. Manifestations of severe disease have included severe pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock, and multi-organ failure.

Neighboring jurisdictions have taken swift action to protect their citizens by closing off travel between their territories and China. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak a public health emergency of international concern.

Outbreaks of novel viral infections among people are always of public health concern, and older adults and people with underlying health conditions may be at increased risk. Public health experts are still learning about the severity of 2019-nCoV. An understanding of the key attributes of this novel virus, including its transmission dynamics, incubation period, and severity, is critical to assessing the risk it poses to the American public. Nonetheless, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat.

The CDC is closely monitoring the situation in the United States, is conducting enhanced entry screening at 5 United States airports where the majority of travelers from Wuhan arrive, and is enhancing illness response capacity at the 20 ports of entry where CDC medical screening stations are located. The CDC is also supporting States in conducting contact investigations of confirmed 2019-nCoV cases identified within the United States. The CDC has confirmed that the virus has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person transmission of the virus within the United States. The CDC, along with state and local health departments, has limited resources and the public health system could be overwhelmed if sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus occurred in the United States. Sustained human-to-human transmission has the potential to have cascading public health, economic, national security, and societal consequences.

During Fiscal Year 2019, an average of more than 14,000 people traveled to the United States from China each day, via both direct and indirect flights. The United States Government is unable to effectively evaluate and monitor all of the travelers continuing to arrive from China. The potential for widespread transmission of the virus by infected individuals seeking to enter the United States threatens the security of our transportation system and infrastructure and the national security.

Given the importance of protecting persons within the United States from the threat of this harmful communicable disease, I have determined that it is in the interests of the United States to take action to restrict and suspend the entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of all aliens who were physically present within the People's Republic of China, excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. I have also determined that the United States should take all necessary and appropriate measures to facilitate orderly medical screening and, where

appropriate, quarantine of persons allowed to enter the United States who may have been exposed to this virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 212(f) and 215(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(f) and 1185(a), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, hereby find that the unrestricted entry into the United States of persons described in section 1 of this proclamation would, except as provided for in section 2 of this proclamation, be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and that their entry should be subject to certain restrictions, limitations, and exceptions. I therefore hereby proclaim the following:

Section 1. Suspension and Limitation on Entry. The entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of all aliens who were physically present within the People's Republic of China, excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States is hereby suspended and limited subject to section 2 of this proclamation.

Sec. 2. Scope of Suspension and Limitation on Entry.

(a) Section 1 of this proclamation shall not apply to:

(i) any lawful permanent resident of the United States;

(ii) any alien who is the spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident;

(iii) any alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident is unmarried and under the age of 21;

(iv) any alien who is the sibling of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that both are unmarried and under the age of 21;

(v) any alien who is the child, foster child, or ward of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, or who is a prospective adoptee seeking to enter the United States pursuant to the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications;

- (vi) any alien traveling at the invitation of the United States Government for a purpose related to containment or mitigation of the virus;
- (vii) any alien traveling as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(C) or (D) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(C) or (D), as a crewmember or any alien otherwise traveling to the United States as air or sea crew;
- (viii) any alien seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to an A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 visa;
- (ix) any alien whose entry would not pose a significant risk of introducing, transmitting, or spreading the virus, as determined by the CDC Director, or his designee;
- (x) any alien whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees based on a recommendation of the Attorney General or his designee; or
- (xi) any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.

(b) Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to affect any individual's eligibility for asylum, withholding of removal, or protection under the regulations issued pursuant to the legislation implementing the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, consistent with the laws and regulations of the United States.

Sec. 3. Implementation and Enforcement. (a) The Secretary of State shall implement this proclamation as it applies to visas pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, may establish. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement this proclamation as it applies to the entry of aliens pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may establish.

(b) Consistent with applicable law, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure that any alien subject to this proclamation does not

board an aircraft traveling to the United States.

(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security may establish standards and procedures to ensure the application and implementation of this proclamation at United States seaports and in between all ports of entry.

(d) An alien who circumvents the application of this proclamation through fraud, willful misrepresentation of a material fact, or illegal entry shall be a priority for removal by the Department of Homeland Security.

Sec. 4. Orderly Medical Screening and Quarantine. The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take all necessary and appropriate steps to regulate the travel of persons and aircraft to the United States to facilitate the orderly medical screening and, where appropriate, quarantine of persons who enter the United States and who may have been exposed to the virus. Such steps may include directing air carriers to restrict and regulate the boarding of such passengers on flights to the United States.

Sec. 5. Termination. This proclamation shall remain in effect until terminated by the President. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, as circumstances warrant and no more than 15 days after the date of this order and every 15 days thereafter, recommend that the President continue, modify, or terminate this proclamation.

Sec. 6. Effective Date. This proclamation is effective at 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time on February 2, 2020.

Sec. 7. Severability. It is the policy of the United States to enforce this proclamation to the maximum extent possible to advance the national security, public safety, and foreign policy interests of the United States. Accordingly:

(a) if any provision of this proclamation, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this proclamation and the application of its provisions to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby; and

(b) if any provision of this proclamation, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid because of the lack of certain procedural requirements, the

relevant executive branch officials shall implement those procedural requirements to conform with existing law and with any applicable court orders.

Sec. 8. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this proclamation shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This proclamation shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP