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Dear College of Law Students,

I write to you following the recent announcement by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) impacting our international students and [yesterday's message](#) from Syracuse University's Interim Provost John Liu. We share in the University's frustration and disappointment in ICE's guidance. We also echo and amplify the support of those in our community who have chosen to cross oceans and borders in pursuit of their education here in the United States.

Many of us on the College of Law faculty and administration have been international students, ourselves, either here in the U.S. or abroad. We know that studying in another country is a transformative experience, shaping and re-shaping our own perspectives on the world and sharing in the mutual exchange of ideas and exposure to otherness. For many of us, the approach taken by ICE feels particularly personal and to all of you, we say: you are welcome here.

In anticipation of further guidance on the permissible "hybrid" format outlined by ICE, I have asked Andrew Horsfall, Assistant Dean of International Programs, and Sally Greene, the College of Law Registrar, to work directly with our international J.D. and LL.M. students in order to ensure that those impacted will be able to enrolled in at least one (3-credit) course that will be offered live here in Dineen Hall during the upcoming fall semester. Further details will be sent to our international students today.

We continue to work closely with our colleagues across the University and across the industry to explore ways of ensuring our international students are supported and able to maintain their uninterrupted studies while prioritizing the health and safety of our students, faculty, and administration.

We will communicate more information when it is available. We encourage our international students to contact the Center for International Services at international@syr.edu or 315.443.2457 to access resources and services and to receive additional support.

Best regards,

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