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SILVER SPRING, MD – On January 27, President Trump announced Executive Order 13769, “Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States.” The following statement is attributable to American Nurses Association (ANA) President Pamela F. Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, in response to last week’s announcement:

“Nursing is committed to both the welfare of the sick, injured, and vulnerable in society and to social justice. The ANA *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements* establishes the ethical standard for the profession in its fervent call for all nurses and nursing organizations to advocate for the protection of human rights and social justice.

Therefore, ANA opposes any action that erodes the human rights of people, and strives to protect and preserve the rights of vulnerable groups such as the poor, homeless, elderly, mentally ill, prisoners, refugees, women, children, and socially stigmatized groups.

This underlying principle must be considered in light of the current Administration’s efforts to halt refugee admissions for 120 days and block citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for 90 days.

Any actions taken that are intended to increase the safety of our country must be clearly defined and not jeopardize human rights nor unfairly target religious groups.”

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