



Dear Campus Community,

This afternoon, I'm pleased to share with you a positive update on the [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement July 6 order](#). This order would have prohibited international students from staying in the United States if they were only enrolled in taking online courses this fall.

In an unexpected reversal, the government decided to rescind its directive to resolve a lawsuit filed by MIT and Harvard. This means that even if international students take a fully remote class schedule, they will not have to leave the United States.

I want to thank the Office of Global Programs and Services for swiftly launching into action to work with faculty and other campus partners to find potential solutions. The outpouring of support for our international students was incredible and I am so appreciative to you all.

However, I want to be clear that our work does not end today. We must continue to advocate on behalf of our immigrant and international students who enrich and enhance our university in countless ways. Their ability to pursue their academic pursuits with us at Cal State San Marcos is vitally important.

Stay safe and well,

Ellen Neufeldt  
President

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