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NSBE Statement on U.S. Immigration Restrictions on Nigeria and other African Countries

As an organization dedicated to supporting and increasing the number of Black engineers around the world, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) supports the opportunity for those who want to come to the United States to study engineering and participate in our engineering workforce. Today, the U.S. Department of State will restrict immigration visas from six new countries, including Nigeria, which hosts eight NSBE chapters and is the home country of many NSBE collegiate members. Eritrea, Tanzania and Sudan are also included amongst the newly restricted countries.

NSBE wants to reassure our members that this ban will not prevent Nigerians or others affected from coming to the United States on student visas, and will not affect those on student visas currently in the United States who will be traveling to San Antonio for NSBE's 46th Annual Convention in March.

As a society, NSBE supports the opportunities that immigration provides to many young Black people around the world to pursue STEM careers. With a more diverse workforce, engineers can better understand and tackle global issues, creating solutions for a more equitable society.

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Jocelyn Jackson
2019-20 National Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl W. Reid'.

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