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Dear NDNU Student,

This morning we posted the following statement in support of international students opposing the federal government's ruling and restrictions on all international students that are required to study remote and online due to COVID-19.

Support for International Students

Notre Dame de Namur University embraces the rights of international students to pursue an education at a college or university of their choice. Our university community will do everything that we can to support them. Last week's decision by ICE to deport international students who need to continue studies fully remotely due to COVID-19 is not acceptable. Requiring students to meet in-person with faculty in order to stay in the United States puts the higher education community and lives at risk. Given new federal requirements, NDNU will work to enroll international students in courses with in-person requirements, but with safety measures in place. We oppose this order and will continue to fight this along with other universities. [Sign the petition now.](#)

We are pleased to announce that the White House just rescinded the ruling for foreign students studying online. [Read more.](#)

A lawsuit was filed earlier against the federal government by a coalition of universities across the country opposing the original ruling. The [quick response](#) and strong collaboration by higher education institutions, other organizations, and individuals made this new result possible. We are pleased the decision was reversed so quickly to allow international students to continue to focus on their studies during these turbulent times.