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Hon. Geoff Regan, MP  
Speaker of the House of Commons  
222-N Centre Block  
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to you to give notice under Standing Order 52(2) that I will be seeking leave on Monday January 30th 2017, to propose an emergency debate on the alarming actions taken by U.S. President Donald Trump to prohibit the travel of all refugees and individuals from seven countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

These immigration policies, instituted by Presidential Executive Order on Friday January 28th 2017, are a deeply distressing reincarnation of race-based immigration policies not seen since the Second World War.

This ban will have disastrous implications for thousands of innocent travellers, family members, students, business people, indeed travelers of all kinds, but most disturbingly, the men, women and children who are seeking asylum and fleeing persecution.

It is unclear exactly how many persons living in Canada are affected by this travel ban but several hundred thousand Canadians of dual citizenship and those born in countries under the ban are extremely concerned by these developments and others such as permanent residents, may be severely impacted.

A ban against individuals based upon race, religion, or country of birth, implemented by our closest neighbour, cannot be tolerated.

An emergency debate would allow Parliamentarians to urgently address this unacceptable situation and allow the Government of Canada to hear deliberations by Parliamentarians as it develops and implements a response strategy.

I thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Kwan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

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