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Dear Mr. President,

As a member of the French Parliament and representative of French citizens living and working legally in the United States, I am writing to request the opportunity to exchange with a member of your cabinet on some aspects of your recent Executive Order:

“Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States”.

I am also taking this opportunity to thank you again for inviting me to your inauguration on January 20, 2017 and for your time during the fruitful exchanges we had on that same day.

Since a week now the potential denial of non-immigrant and immigrant visas to French dual citizens is causing significant anxiety within our community in the U.S.A

As you know, France is a diverse country, and many of our citizens hold dual citizenship. In this regard, I believe that an agreeable solution could be found in both for the short and long term.

I commend your commitment to make the United States of America’s a safe place to live, to protect your citizens and those living here from further terrorist’s attacks.

My approach today comes only to reinforce the strong political, economical and cultural links connecting our two countries.

Your experience and successful leadership, combined with our continued friendship, will ensure that both of our nations continue to enjoy stability and growth.

As part of my diplomatic assignment, I have had the pleasure to know and appreciate many French professionals, whose talents transcend their origin and I believe foster unity and appreciation across cultural barriers.

Most of them are leading strong businesses in the U.S.A and hiring a large number of U.S. citizens.

French Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics workers in the U.S. have also greatly contributed in creating a lot of new companies, getting patents, and helping build up American companies, which in turn because of their success, have created tens of thousands of jobs.

In the same time, a number of highly talented chefs, film directors, actors, and entrepreneurs in the U.S.A are significantly contributing to the greatness of America.

We strongly hope that the E-2 visa treaty between France and the U.S.A will continue as it currently stands, as well as that our citizens on H-1B visas will continue to greatly contribute to the U.S. industries in which they work.

Since a long time, US companies have relied on a steady stream of skilled engineers and professionals from overseas. Our global economies have an avid demand for tech labor. Accordingly, I would like to express my strong interest in ensuring that the most effective immigration policies exist between our two countries.

United States of America and France have a long tradition of mutually respectful immigration policies towards one another.

I strongly believe that this tradition will go on forever.

Thank you for taking the time, Mr President, to consider this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frédéric Lefebvre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Member of French Parliament