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**Statement from John H. Marburger III, science advisor to the President and director, Office of Science and Technology Policy on AAAS/AAU statement and recommendations on visa policy:**

"The United States benefits by welcoming international students and scientists to our country. The concerns expressed by the academic and scientific communities over visa security programs are well documented. We appreciate the thoughtful recommendations provided in their statement, and will take them into consideration in the ongoing effort to streamline and improve international travel for nonimmigrant visa holders. The United States must continue to be the destination of choice for the world's top science and technical talent. OSTP and the appropriate governmental agencies are working toward making the visa and entry/reentry systems more efficient, without sacrificing homeland and national security goals. OSTP continues to welcome suggestions from the university and scientific communities."

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