



April 16, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), the Democracy Initiative, and the undersigned organizations, we are writing to denounce the continued increase in racist attacks and discrimination against the Asian American community, and to express our support for H.Res. 908, introduced by Representative Grace Meng (D-NY-6) and its Senate companion to be introduced by Senators Kamala Harris (D-CA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI); both of which condemn all forms of anti-Asian sentiment related to COVID-19.

Hate and bigotry are not consistent with realizing the promise of American democracy where all of us have an equal voice. COVID-19 is a public health crisis that has fundamentally disrupted our way of life and is saddling our most vulnerable individuals and communities with significant new burdens. Our collective focus must be on overcoming this challenge and caring for one another.

As the number of COVID-19 cases have increased, so too have attacks targeting Asian Americans. On March 14th, the New York Post published an article of a Chinese American father walking his son to the bus stop and was verbally and physically attacked by an angry stranger.¹ Just days later in Texas, a Burmese man and his son were stabbed at a local Sam's Club by a young man who attacked them because of their race.² As these attacks have continued surging, we are concerned that as our country continues to struggle to overcome COVID-19, anxiety, frustration and fear will intensify before it subsides. This could lead to additional attacks on the Asian American community.

We strongly oppose laying blame for the virus that results in the targeting of a group of people. In this context, we have significant concerns with H.Res. 907, introduced by Representative Jim Banks (R-IN-3), which seeks to place primary blame on the Chinese government for the spread of COVID-19. The rhetoric contained in this resolution only fuels anti-China xenophobia, which in turn, puts the larger Asian American community at risk. For this very reason, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert R. Redfield, and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, have all advised against using such language and framing around COVID-19.

We believe there will be a time and place to assess the COVID-19 pandemic; including whether world leaders acted responsibly to prepare and protect their people from its impact. However, while the American people continue to struggle with the immediate challenge of keeping

¹ New York Post. (2020, March 14). Victim of possible coronavirus hate crime in Queens speaks out. Retrieved from <https://nypost.com/2020/03/14/victim-of-possible-coronavirus-hate-crime-in-queens-speaks-out/>

² Nextshark. (2020, March 16). Man Arrested for Stabbing Burmese Man and His Son in Texas Sam's Club. Retrieved from <https://nextshark.com/sams-club-man-arrested-charged/>



themselves and their families safe and healthy, we need our leaders to help unite the country—not stoke fear and confusion.

We are all in this together, and we stand with the Asian American community.

Sincerely,

The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
The Democracy Initiative

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Act To Change
Actors' Equity Association
Adelante
ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
AFL-CIO
AFL-CIO Colorado
AFL-CIO Denver Area Labor Federation
AFL-CIO Los Angeles County Federation of Labor
Aging and Disability Services City of Seattle
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Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice
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Alliance for Justice
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American Association of Geographers
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American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
American Theatre Wing
American University



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API Affinity Group, Seattle Public Utilities
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Asian American Action Fund
Asian American Arts Alliance
Asian American Arts Centre
Asian American Bar Association of New York
Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area
Asian American Documentary Network
Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.
Asian American Federation
Asian American Federation of Florida - South Region
Asian American Film Lab, Inc.
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian American Organizing Project
Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center, Inc (AASCSC)
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Asian American Unity Coalition
Asian American Writers' Workshop
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Asian Americans Rising
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Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote-MI
Asian Business Association
Asian Center - Southeast Michigan
Asian CineVision, Inc
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Asian Health Coalition



Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA)
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce
Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO Alameda Chapter
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO Minnesota Chapter
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO Seattle Chapter
Asian Pacific American Media Coalition
Asian Pacific Community in Action
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Eastern Washington
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of Washington
Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL)
Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
Asian Real Estate Association of America
Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) - North Los Angeles Chapter
Asian Services in Action
Asian Solidarity Collective
Asian Students Association Kenyon
Asian Youth Center
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Atypical Press
AYPAL: Building API Community Power
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Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bethel Realty Inc
Bing Kong Tong Portland Oregon
Black and Pink
BOLD MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
Bosma Consulting
Bridge Road International Foundation
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Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin
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California Sikh Council
California State University, East Bay
Cambodia Town, Inc.
Cambodian American Chamber of Commerce



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Can't Stop! Won't Stop! Consulting
CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment)
CASA
Center for Asian American Media
Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Medical Humanities, University of California, Irvine
Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CPAF)
Central American Resource Center
Centro de Vida Victoriosa AG
Character Media
Charity & Security Network
Chen Dance Center
Chinatown BID
Chinatown Partnership
Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland
Chinese American Service League
Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Chinese-American Planning Council
City of Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs"
Clean Elections Texas
Clean Water Action
Clear Talent Group
Clever Girl Productions
CO2 Creative
Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans
Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans (New York)
Cold Tofu
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Colorado Theatre Guild
Common Cause
Communications Workers of America
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Council of Korean Americans
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DC Vote
Defending Rights & Dissent
Denver Film
Disability Law Colorado
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Disability Rights Oregon
Domingo Law Group, PLLC
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DU Latinx Center
Earth Justice
East Coast Asian American Student Union
East Side Union High School District
East West Players
Education for Liberation Network
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Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Equal Rights Advocates
Equality Labs
Faith and Community Empowerment
Families of Color Seattle
Family of Colors
Farmworker Association of Florida
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (British Columbia) Society
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, Ontario
Fiji Indigenous Peoples Foundation
Filipino Advocates for Justice
Filipino American Civic Employees of Seattle
Filipino American Community Council of Michigan (FILAMCCO)
Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI)
Filipino Americans in Science Technology Engineering Arts Math (STEAM)
Florida Asian Services
Florida Asian Women Alliance
Flying Dragon Productions
Food & Water Action
Forest Hills Asian Association (FHAA)
FPWA
Free Speech For People
Friends of the Earth
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Gender Group
Gold House
Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cincinnati Chinese Cultural Exchange Association
Greater Kent Historical Society
Greenpeace
HANA Center
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Hawaiian Inter Club Council of Southern California
Hep B United
Hep B United Philadelphia
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hip Hop Caucus
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Hmong National Development, Inc.
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Hope Community Services
Human Rights Campaign
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India Link
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Interdisciplinary Research Institute for the Study of Inequality at the University of Denver
Interfaith Alliance
International Institute for Hakka Studies
Iowa Asian Alliance
Japanese American Citizens League
Japanese American Citizens League, Arizona Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Berkeley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Chicago Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Cincinnati Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Contra Costa Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Dayton Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, DC Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Florin Chapter - Sacramento Valley
Japanese American Citizens League, Greater LA Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Idaho Falls Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Mile High Chapter



Japanese American Citizens League, NCWNP District Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Philadelphia Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Puyallup Valley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, San Diego Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, San Jose Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Seattle Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Sequoia Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Silicon Valley Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Sonoma County Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League, Stockton Chapter
Japanese American National Museum
Japanese Culture Club
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Joint Council of Librarians of Color Inc.
Justice in Aging
Justice is Global
Karen DeHart, EA
Kenyon Asian Identities
Kenyon College
Kenyon College African Students Association
Kenyon College Beekeeping Club
Khmer Girls in Action
Khmer Health Board
KmB/Pro-People Youth LA
Korean American Coalition
Korean American Coalition Los Angeles
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington
Korean Freedom Alliance
Korean Resource Center
Koreatown Youth and Community Center
Kundiman
LA TI DO Productions
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Latino Decisions
League of Women Voters of the United States
LEAP (Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics)
Let America Vote / End Citizens United Action Fund
Leviathan Lab, Inc.
LFF Film, LLC
Lincoln Heights Tutorial Program



Little Lights Urban Ministries
Lodi Unified School District
Long Beach Phnom Penh Sister Cities
Los Angeles Public Library
Ma-Yi Theater Company
Makeshift Film Group, LLC
MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network)
Marshallese Educational Initiative
Marvin C. Lee Chiropractic, PC
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Matthew Shepard Foundation
McGuffin Management
Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission
MinKwon Center for Community Action
Missouri Voter Protection Coalition
Model Majority
Modern Blueprint Construction LLC
MomsRising
Moving Arts Projects, inc.
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Muslim Advocates
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NAACP
Naess Ventures, Inc.
Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, Inc.
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NAPAFASA
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)
National Assoc, of Asian American Professionals
National CAPACD - Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Communication Association
National Disability Rights Network
National Federation of Filipino American Associations
National Hispanic Media Coalition
National Immigration Law Center
National Japanese American Memorial Foundation
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund



National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
National Organization for Women - Oregon Chapter
National Pacific Islander Education Network
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)
Natural Resources Defense Council
New American Leaders Action Fund
New Mexico Asian Family Center
NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
Nikki Foster for Ohio
Northern California Chinese culture athletic federation
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates
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OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, Greater Cleveland Chapter
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OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, Westchester & Hudson Valley Chapter
Office of Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu
Oil Change International
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership in Ohio
Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association
Pacific American Community Cultural Center
Pacific Arts Movement
Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)
Pacific Asian Counseling Services (PACS)
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center
People's Action
People's Education Movement Chicago
PFLAG National
Phamaly Theatre Company
Philippine American Foundation for Charities, Inc
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PJ Performing Arts
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
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Poligon Educational Fund
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Pride at Work
Progressive Turnout Project
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities
Public Citizen
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ReThink Media
Revive Church
Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc.
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San Diego Korean American Coalition
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Seattle South Asians for Black Lives
SEE-LA (Social Eco Education-LA)
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SEIU Healthcare 1199NW
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
SEIU Local 284
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SEIU Nevada Local 1107
SEIU-UHW
SEIU-UHW API Caucus
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Shannon Umetani LLC
Siengkane Lao MN
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Small Planet Institute
South Asian Americans Leading Together
South Asian Bar Association of North America (SABA North America)
South Asian Network
South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
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Swipe Out Hunger



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The Arc of the United States
The Arizona Korean Association
The Asian & Latino Coalition
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)
The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
The Center for Asian Pacific American Women (CAPAW)
The Knight Agency
The Leadership Conference Education Fund
The People's Education Movement (Los Angeles Chapter)
The Sikh Coalition
The Strategist Company, LLC
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