Letter to President-Elect to End The "China Initiative"

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please consider joining this organizational sign-on letter spearheaded by Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Brennan Center for Justice, and APA Justice Task Force urging President-elect Joe Biden and his incoming administration to end the Justice Department's "China Initiative," and take further steps necessary to combat the pervasive racial bias and disproportionate targeting of Asian American and Asian immigrant scientists, researchers, and students.

- The sign-on letter addresses the harmful impacts of the Justice's Department's "China Initiative", which has led to discriminatory investigations and prosecutions of Asian Americans and Asian immigrants, particularly those of Chinese descent working in science.
- The letter urges President-elect Joe Biden and the incoming administration to put an end to the "China Initiative" and conduct a complete review of all prosecutions and investigations closed prior to prosecution under the initiative. It also provides recommendations to review and take measures throughout the government to combat racial bias against Asian immigrant scientists and federal employees, as well as implement policies to bridge the gap between academia and U.S. government agencies that both protect U.S. interests in research while maintaining openness and competitiveness.

Full text of the letter is available here: http://bit.ly/3adMC7f

To sign-on, fill out this google form by 6 PM ET Thursday, December 17, 2020: http://bit.ly/3r20FTb

If your organization has any questions, please reach out to Megan Essaheb at messaheb@advancingjustice-aajc.org and Vivin Qiang at vqiang@advancingjustice-aajc.org.

We hope your organization considers signing on. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request!

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