APA Justice Submits Statement to 06/30 Congressional Roundtable

On June 29, 2021, APA Justice submitted a written statement to the House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) for the Congressional Roundtable to be held on June 30, 2021, starting at 3:30 pm ET. The event will be livestreamed at: https://bit.ly/3xTy2u3.

This will be the first Congressional proceeding where the plight of Chinese American scientists and the human and scientific costs of racial profiling will be heard in recent decades.

As the roundtable shines light on the human and scientific costs of racial profiling, APA Justice urges the House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Rights and CAPAC to take the following actions:

- 1. Direct the U.S. Attorney General to end the "China Initiative."
- Mandate transparency including responses from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and related federal agencies to standing Congressional inquiries and public Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to review and justify their continuation of racial profiling policies and practices.
- 3. Join and coordinate with the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on the ongoing investigation of misconduct at the Department of Commerce.
- 4. Conduct oversight on policies, practices, and tactics of federal agencies and make needed legislative changes and reforms.

The statement is available here: https://bit.ly/3dqURh0.

Maryland State Senator Susan Lee's Letter and Call for Your Action

On June 27, 2021, Maryland State Senator Susan Lee shared a Dear Friend and Colleague letter that was sent to all the signatories of the alliance's letter which has helped propel forward the timely and important Congressional Roundtable on the Ethnic and Racial Profiling of Chinese American Scientists led and conducted by US Representative Jamie Raskin, Chair of the House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Representative Judy Chu, Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Senator Lee has worked tirelessly on this issue since <u>the alliance's letter</u> was sent on February 1, 2021. She provided updates on status and progress in each of the APA Justice monthly

meetings that followed. We thank Senator Susan Lee, her chief of staff Michael Lore, and the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland Co-Chair Terry Lierman for their leadership and persistent efforts to have a chance to shine light on the racial profiling issue.

Senator Susan Lee and her team **URGE** you to not only watch this Congressional Proceeding, which will be livestreamed on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 3:30 pm ET on YouTube: https://bit.ly/3xTy2u3, but also share this link and information with others.

Read more about Senator Susan Lee's efforts here: https://bit.ly/3jaatHd

How You Can Join and Help

The Subcommittee of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties is calling for statement submissions from organizations for the upcoming Congressional Roundtable. Advancing Justice | AAJC plans to submit a statement and encourages you to do so as well. Statements can be submitted after the hearing if necessary, but if you would like the opportunity for your statement to potentially be mentioned during the roundtable, please submit your organization's statement no later than **Tuesday**, **June 29**. Statements can be submitted after the hearing if necessary. For more information, please contact Vivin Qiang, Program Coordinator, Anti-Racial Profiling Project, Advancing Justice | AAJC, at vgiang@advancingjustice-aajc.org

APA Justice also plans to receive your statements at any time and post them in the APA Justice website with your permission. If interested, please send your statements to contact@apajustice.org.

A simple way you can help is to spread the word to your friends, colleagues, neighbors, and organizations and urge them to join in watching the event on YouTube starting at 3:30 pm ET on Wednesday, June 30, 2021: https://bit.ly/3xTy2u3

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