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APALA Condemns Trump's Racist Remarks Against Immigrants of Color

Washington, DC – The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) condemns Trump's hateful racist remarks denigrating people from African, Caribbean and Latin Nations during a bipartisan attempt to negotiate an immigration deal. Furthermore, Trump questioned the need to bring in more immigrants from these countries and asked for the removal of them from the plan, instead of focusing on the urgency to protect 800,000 undocumented immigrants through legislation.

Monica Thammarath, APALA National President and Senior Liaison at the National Education Association, stated: "APALA will stand up against Trump's vulgar language to ensure our nation's values of immigration are not stained by Trump's divisiveness. Diversity strengthens our country and we will continue to organize to ensure immigrants are not singled out and denied entry based on their country of origin."

"Trump's dehumanization of people coming from impoverished nations of color in favor of immigrants from Norway clearly reinforces Trump's white supremacist agenda," commented APALA Executive Director Alvina Yeh. "America needs principle-driven immigration policies that do not discriminate against any immigrant communities."

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