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APALA is Disgusted by Trump's Acceptance Speech; Doubling Down Anti-Trump Efforts

Washington, DC - The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) is disgusted by Donald Trump's acceptance speech at last night's Republican National Convention in Cleveland. APALA is prepared to double down our efforts against any racist, xenophobic, Islamophobic and hateful rhetoric and actions heading into November's general election.

APALA National President Johanna Hester declared: "His speech made one thing clear: what he calls 'law-and-order' we call the mass criminalization of people of color and poor people. Trump's entire message caters to maintaining a status quo that benefits entirely wealthy white men. If elected, his policies will only serve to further criminalize poor folks, Black folks, Muslims, immigrants, and communities of color. We can't – and won't – let that happen."

"Trump's focus on 'safety at home' begs the question safety for whom," added APALA Executive Director Gregory Cendana. "He misses the point that our brothers and sisters live in a society where their safety is regularly threatened for being Black or for being Muslim. Under Trump's proposed policies, the world will be less safe. Time after time, Trump has proven that he is not a leader fit to carry out the values we hold dear."

"I am truly saddened by how divisive our political parties have become. He, alone, will not fix our country if elected to office. Trump will destroy it," reflected Hester. "We at APALA are ready to make sure that doesn't happen. Together with our partners, we are more committed than ever to making sure that the voices of millions of people who are from communities of color, who are women, who are Muslim, who are immigrants are being heard. Trump doesn't care for workers of color. But we do. We are with our workers and their families. If we truly are anti-Trump, then we need to be truly pro-worker and stand for all workers and their families. We won't let Trump stifle what's truly important to us a nation – respect, dignity and love."

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