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APALA Mourns the Loss of Congressman Mark Takai

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the passing of Congressman Mark Takai. A first-term congressman, Rep. Takai selflessly served the People of Hawai'i for over two decades, and was a veteran who proudly served our country in the Hawai'i Army National Guard as lieutenant colonel. Our sincerest thoughts go out to his family, friends and the people of Hawai'i.

APALA At-Large Board Member Darren Shiroma, who was born and raised in Hawaii, stated: "Rep. Takai was a staunch champion of workers' rights and the issues of AAPI communities across our nation, and his untimely loss will be indelible. We extend our warmest aloha and sincerest condolences to Rep. Takai's 'ohana, staff, friends, and the People of Hawai'i for their loss."

APALA National President Johanna Hester added: "Rep. Takai will be sorely missed. His spirit and energy to serve Hawai'i and his commitment to uplift the voices of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders were unparalleled. I can only express my deepest gratitude for the tremendous work he has done for Hawai'i and what it means for all AAPI families moving forward. Mahalo Mark."

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