

# APALA

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Worker, Immigrant, and Civil Rights

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## APALA Outraged by “Skinny Budget”

Washington, DC – In response to the first official budget released by the administration, the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) issued the following statement from Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930:

*“We are outraged by the proposed budget that would slash millions of dollars to key public programs that advance opportunities for working families, their children, and communities nationwide, and strive to protect the workers and the environment from exploitation and degradation. Instead, the increases we’re seeing to agencies, like the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense, serve only to fulfill Trump’s anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim agenda and promote the mass criminalization of people of color -- a divide and conquer attack to preserve the wealthy, white status quo. Millions of dollars could be used to create jobs, strengthen infrastructure, and provide opportunities for workers, students, and the middle class. Yet, taxpayer dollars are being wasted in trying to promote an inherently racist agenda. We are not fooled by the budget nor will we accept any version of it, tactic, or policy that attacks ours and allied communities.”*

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