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NEA and SEIU API Caucuses along with the California API Legislative Caucus Join 200+ AAPI Organizations Committed to Resisting Trump

Washington, DC – Over two hundred organizations, ranging from national organizations to university student groups with a variety of focus areas from economic justice to health advocacy groups, have signed onto a statement of principles detailing their commitment to resist the Trump administration. Among the most recent signers are the National Education Association (NEA) Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Caucus, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) API Caucus, and the California API Legislative Caucus, signaling broad support from labor and government affinity groups.

“With the union representing the most AAPI members throughout the country, we’re not backing down,” declared SEIU API Caucus Chair Maria Castaneda. “The threat that Trump poses is a danger to us all, and we need to send a message loud and clear to the administration and to all who support such backwards policies and who remain complicit in extending hate, that our collective organizing makes us strong.”

“For us working in unions, let this be a reminder that our labor movement is not a monolith just as AAPIs are not a model minority,” Charmaine Banther, Chair of the NEA API Caucus. “AAPI workers and our broader community are voicing grave concerns that we as leaders in our local unions cannot overlook, and it’s time that the rest of labor took a stand for all working people, which includes people of color.”

APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930 Johanna Puno Hester commented: “Allies within local governments and local labor unions will be key players in blocking hateful policies and protecting our communities. We look forward to collaborating and co-conspiring with these caucuses to defend our friends, families, and communities from the xenophobic, racist, misogynistic, and hateful attacks coming from the Trump administration and its cronies.”

California API Legislative Caucus Chair and Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland) concluded: “California is home to millions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. As Chair of the API Legislative Caucus, I will vigorously stand up and defend those who are most vulnerable in our communities. We know an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us. We will draw upon our strength, resolve and unity to fight and prevail against this dangerous administration.”

To see the full resistance statement and list of signatories, please visit: bit.ly/AAPIsResistTrump. To have your organization sign on, please fill out the form: bit.ly/AAPIStatementOfPrinciples.

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