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## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

As we mark the conclusion of the 2021 Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, we have a responsibility greater than ever to call out the xenophobia, bigotry, and open assault on members of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. These attacks have increased dramatically during this past year of the pandemic crisis, but they are not new to our communities. The AAPI have long been targets and scapegoats of national unease and fear; Americans of Asian descent continue to be regarded, by some, as perpetual outsiders in this country.

The National Day of Solidarity Against AAPI Hate marks an important and collective stance against discrimination, violence, and hatred. I join the organizers in calling for justice for those who have been targeted victims of hate crimes, and I stand with many throughout this country in asking for actions on the part of government, corporate, and education partners as we continue to seek freedom from discrimination and opportunities for equity and access in all sectors.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ghazala Hashmi".

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