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Subject: AACE Urges the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to take A Non-partisan, Holistic Approach to Effectively Address the Root Causes behind Rising Violence, Hate Crimes and Systemic Racism against the Asian-American Community.

Honorable U.S. Commissioners on Civil Rights
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Honorable U.S. Commissioners on Civil Rights:

On behalf of the Asian American Coalition for Education (AACE), an alliance of over 300 Asian-American organizations with a mission to advance the cause of equal education rights, I am writing to request the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights take a non-partisan, holistic approach to effectively address the anti-Asian discrimination in educational arena, the rising violence, hate crimes and systemic racism against the Asian-American community.

First, AACE welcomes your hearing of March 24, 2023. We sincerely hope it will become a concrete first step to address the discrimination, rising violence and hate crime facing Asian American communities.

Second, AACE is disappointed with the Biden Administration and various state and municipal governments for their failure to address the discrimination, rising violence and hate crime facing Asian American communities.

At the beginning of the Biden Administration, President Biden signed [Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States](#) on January 26, 2021, and issued [FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces Additional Actions to Respond to Anti-Asian Violence, Xenophobia and Bias](#), dated March 30, 2021. The sad truth is: The horrendous violence against Asian Americans in New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago and many other Asian concentrated cities have not reduced. The anti-Asian hate incidents are still rising.

After comparing these two aforementioned White House initiatives to data and facts regarding recent violent attacks on Asian Americans, we have developed grave concerns on the Federal Administration's approach to meaningfully combat anti-Asian racism. Specifically, we are alarmed that improper partisan influence may translate into the U.S. Government's failure to take an holistic approach to properly define and effectively address many major root causes of increasing violences, hate crimes and systemic racism against Asian Americans.

Notably, the majority of violent attacks on Asian Americans were reported in states that either defunded the police, or released many violent criminals irresponsibly during COVID-19 pandemic, or failed to address their rampant homeless and mental health issues such as New York and California, than in states that voted for President Trump such as Texas and Florida. While invoking "Chinese Virus" and "White Supremacy" could be blamed for some hate crimes (mostly verbal assaults) against Asian Americans, a hyperfocus on these two issues would deflect the public from paying much-needed attention to other major problems that harm Asian Americans in the forms of bodily injury, even deaths in a rising trend.

As a result, AACE urges U.S. Commissioners on Civil Rights to adopt the following non-partisan approaches in your efforts to help Asian Americans:

1. **Require the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and all pertinent local agencies should conduct thorough, evidence-based and transparent investigations to identify true motives and root causes behind all vicious attacks against Asian Americans.** These may include:
 - The improper use of the term "Chinese Virus" and "White Supremacy" as the White House has alleged;
 - Rising violence as a result of defunding police and irresponsible releases of violent criminals from prisons.
 - Failures by state or local governments to effectively address the rampant homeless and mental health issues.
 - Violent robberies instigated by violence-inciting popular culture, notably YG's rap, "meet the flockers" which glorifies robbing Chinese Americans.
 - Hate crimes resulting from toxic identity politics played by the Radical Left, manifested in practices such as recklessly labeling Asian Americans as "overrepresented" and even "previldged" racial group.
 - Any other major causes.
2. **Demand relevant state and local governments reverse their failing policies of defunding police and releasing violent criminals irresponsibly, especially in the localities where these policies have harmed Asian Americans.** Law & Order is essential to protect Asian Americans and all Americans!
3. **Demand relevant state and local government to effectively address their homeless and mental health issues.**

- 4. Demand DOJ to implement zero-tolerance on hate speeches, pro-violence raps, and foul games that target Asian Americans or any other Americans.** Unfortunately, there are too many violence-inciting contents in our pop culture that embolden criminal behaviors. In December 2016, [over 114,000 Asian Americans signed the White House Petition to request to ban YG’s rap, “meet the flockers.”](#) To our disappointment, the Obama Administration refused to ban such an outrageous rap specifically targeting Chinese Americans. Although YG was finally forced to change his lyrics last year, we request the Biden Administration prohibit similar hate-filled raps because YG’s rap has created more severe damages to the Asian-American community than a racial slur or a cartoon with racial stereotypes could.
- 5. Demand the politicians and media to stop labeling Asian Americans as “over-represented” or “privileged.”** Asian Americans have been historically discriminated against in American society. Nevertheless, many of us have achieved our American dream mainly through hard work, as well as an emphasis on education and family values, rather than political favoritism or privilege. It is baseless and reckless to stereotype Asian Americans as “over-represented” or “privileged.” This will only exacerbate racial animosity against Asian Americans.
- 6. Forcefully reject and oppose the divisive and unconstitutional “Racial Equity” agenda which is currently endorsed by the Biden Administration.** The racial equity agenda mandates equal results among different racial groups by mandating treatment of Americans differently based on their racial identity. It is a blatant violation of 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964. As our nation’s civil rights commission, you should reject such unconstitutional and divisive policies. The racial equity policies will prolong the underperformance of black, Hispanic and other minorities because demanding equal results does not address the root causes behind their performance: poverty, drug addictions, broken families, inadequate parenting and community distress. For example, in the educational arena, racial equity policy of affirmative action has failed to black and Hispanic communities, *New York Times* acknowledged in August 2021, [“Even With Affirmative Action, Blacks and Hispanics Are More Underrepresented at Top Colleges Than 35 Years Ago.”](#)
- 7. Demand the U.S. Supreme Court to totally ban the use of race in college admission.** Today, Asian-American children suffer from systemic racism in college admissions, committed by Harvard and many other selective colleges nationwide. This is a blatant violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Today, 74% of Americans, including 59% of black, 68% of Hispanic and 63% of Asian believe race should NOT be a factor in college admissions.
- 8. Launch investigations into various local governments/school boards for their racial discrimination in their attempts to reduce Asian students in our nation’s elite high schools.** In recent years, local authorities in several of our nation’s elite high schools, including Boston Exam Schools, Lowell High School of San

Francisco, and Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, have all canceled standardized admission tests. All the aforementioned acts have a common purpose, that is, to pursue “racial equity” or racial quotas, thus sacrificing hard working Asian American children as scapegoats. In New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio has repeatedly stated that since there are too many Asians in New York City’s specialized high schools, reforming the admission tests system is necessary to achieve racial equity. In Boston, the Exam School Admissions Working Group outright stated that their motive behind canceling Exam Schools’ admission exams was achieving “racial equity.” Michael Loconto, the chair of the Boston School Committee, mocked the names of Asian American parents when they disagreed with the proposed “reform.” In Virginia, Thomas Jefferson High School board members described the school’s majority-Asian American culture as “toxic” for Black students.

We wholeheartedly hope the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will take a non-partisan, holistic approach, adopt our suggestions above, in order to effectively address the rising violence, hate crimes and systemic racism against the Asian-American community!

Sincerely,



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