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National Coalition of the Asian American Advocacy Groups

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Dear Friends,

I want to extend my gratitude to all of you for establishing this influential and powerful national coalition of Asian American advocacy groups to defeat hate crimes and discrimination against our community.

As the first Korean American First Lady in any state and the first Asian American First Lady of Maryland, I am proud to support your important efforts and to be pleased to learn that organizations from Maryland have joined the coalition.

As a grandmother of four and the mother of three daughters, my heart aches for what has happened to my fellow Asian Americans and I am concerned about the future of our children and grandchildren. Now is the time to speak out. This is our moment. Otherwise this deep-rooted discrimination will never end.

Actions of hate, discrimination, and bigotry should have no home anywhere. I appreciate your courageousness, and am proud to see your organization coming together to stand against injustice and violence. This is yet another example of what it means to be American and to bring Asian and other communities together to build solidarity.

Please remember that my heart and prayers are always with you, and with all of the victims and their families. We will continue to raise our voices, protect each other, and demonstrate the strength and resilience of our community.

Thank you.

Yumi Hogan
First Lady of Maryland