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AAPCHO Statement in Support of the Senate Passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) today released the following statement in support of the Senate passage of a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure plan.

Adam P. Carbullido, AAPCHO's director of policy and advocacy, said:

"AAPCHO applauds the Senate passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal and the historic investments it will make to improve transportation systems, expand high-speed internet access, and address the challenges of climate change. These are all social determinants of health that impact the patients, including Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, our members serve. We are especially supportive of the deal's push to connect all households to high-speed internet as community health centers and other healthcare providers have relied more heavily on telehealth to reach patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While we support provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal, we strongly encourage Congress to pass the President's Build Back Better agenda and make direct investments in human infrastructure. Community health centers continue to need assistance to support their workforce and improve facilities to meet growing patient demands. Citizens living in the Territories face a Medicaid funding cliff in September. Many immigrant communities continue to lack access to basic health, nutrition, and other essential benefits programs. It is essential that Congress address these issues, and AAPCHO and our members stand ready to support these efforts."

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States, the U.S. territories, and Freely Associated States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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