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AAPCHO Urges the Senate to Pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) issued the following statement urging the swift passage of the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy and ensures elected leaders are accountable to the communities they serve. All eligible voters must be able to vote in free and fair elections, which are vital to enacting policies that allow all families to improve their health and wellbeing.

Unfortunately, actions at the state level threaten voters' ability to freely exercise their right to vote. These actions disproportionately impact low income and communities of color. The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act would implement important voter protections and reforms necessary for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and other communities to make their voices heard at the ballot box.

AAPCHO and our member community health centers believe that every patient matters and that all voices should be respected and heard. We call on the Senate to use all tools at its disposal to pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act. Congress must act to safeguard our democracy, promote voter participation, and protect the rights of all voters.

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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