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AAPCHO Commends the Introduction of the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2022

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) applauds Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-02) on the introduction of the Health Equity and Accountability Act (HEAA).

HEAA is critical legislation in improving the health and well-being of communities of color, including Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NH/PIs), by addressing health care accessibility, affordability, and quality. This bill will be essential in improving disaggregated data collection and research, diversifying the workforce, and improving language access.

“AAs, NH/PIs, and other communities of color face significant challenges impacting their health and mental health and limiting access to care. HEAA is comprehensive legislation that unites proposals to address health inequities and reduce health access barriers,” said Jeffrey B. Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. “The pandemic has made abundantly clear improving health outcomes cannot be a ‘one size fits all’ approach. We applaud HEAA for prioritizing better data collection and disaggregation, and for ensuring policies and interventions consider patients’ culture and language needs and the burdens social determinants of health have on underserved communities. Everyone deserves accessible, affordable, quality health care. AAPCHO and our member community health centers commend Rep. Kelly and the Congressional Tri Caucus for reintroducing HEAA and we look forward to working with them to address the diverse health challenges affecting all communities.”

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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