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AAPCHO Applauds Reintroduction of HEAL for Immigrant Women and Families Act

WASHINGTON – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) today issued the following statement welcoming the reintroduction of the Health Equity and Access Under the Law (HEAL) for Immigrant Women and Families Act.

Health care is a human right and every person in the United States should have access to high quality, affordable care regardless of where they come from. As community health providers, AAPCHO's members see firsthand the challenges immigrants and their families face because of harmful federal laws that restrict them from receiving the care they need.

AAPCHO applauds Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-07) and Congresswoman Debra Haaland (NM-01) for reintroducing this bold legislation that will expand immigrants' access to care and bring them out of the shadows so they can live healthy, productive lives. Importantly, this bill will allow all immigrants to immediately participate in federal health programs, such as Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act marketplace, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. This includes eligibility for citizens of the Freely Associated States and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients.

We applaud Representatives Jayapal and Haaland for their continued leadership in working to improve health care access for immigrant communities. Nationwide, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and all immigrants are vital members of our communities. AAPCHO supports this forward-thinking legislation, and we call on Congress to enact it into law.

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. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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