As Chair Emeritus of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I thank Dr. King for paving the way for all communities to reap the benefits of the causes that he championed. Whether it was advocating for voting rights, affordable housing, or educational equity, Dr. King rose above the challenges around him because he believed that every individual – no matter the ethnicity or creed – had the right to pursue the American Dream.

Let us also remember that MLK Day signifies a day of service, empowering individuals to give back to their communities and to work towards the freedom and social justice that Dr. King strived for. Today, and every day, we all can live Dr. King's dream by committing to serving our communities and working together to build a better nation for ourselves and future generations.