

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Rep. Michael Honda, chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), issued the following statement in response to the New York Times article on the Administration's commitment to comprehensive immigration reform:

“The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus applauds the White House and our congressional leaders Speaker Pelosi and Senator Reid for their commitment to comprehensive immigration reform this year. We all know that the time has come to fix our broken immigration system. We need the tax revenues from immigrants already working in our country who want to contribute. We need to make sure families are able to stay together, including families with U.S.-born children. We need fair and practical solutions to make immigration work for our nation, our economy, and our families. We are gratified that President Obama has signaled his intention to begin this important debate in the coming weeks.”

Currently, there are 1.5 million undocumented immigrants from Asia, as well as 2 million Asians waiting in the family-based visa backlogs. To highlight the diversity of communities affected by the immigration debate, Rep. Honda will be hosting an immigration forum on family unity in San Jose, CA, along with Rep. Luis Gutierrez.

The event will take place at St. Victor's Church, 3108 Sierra Road, San Jose, CA, on April 18, 2009 from 6:30-8pm. Members of the Asian, African, and Latino communities will provide testimony at the event.

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The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently

chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.