



Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin Statement Demands Action from Top Officials

The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is emotionally and physically exhausted.

We are tired of educating others about racism against our community.

We are tired of carrying the weight of healing and protecting our communities with minimal support.

We are tired of nudging leaders, organizations and businesses to issue statements. Retweets, tweets and Facebook posts are not enough.

We are tired of being told that we matter but then get overlooked and quickly forgotten in times of crisis.

We are tired of being invisible.

We have been incredibly frustrated by our top state and local officials' lack of support, both Republicans and Democrats, following the shootings targeting Asian American women in Atlanta. Last Wednesday, State Representative Francesca Hong introduced a bill condemning anti-Asian hate and violence. Not a single Republican signed onto the bill.

It's time to step up and condemn anti-Asian racism. We need more than solidarity; we need solutions. If you choose to stay silent, then you are part of the problem.

Thank you to our allies who stepped up and showed their support during this time. Thank you for reaching out, showing up and helping to amplify our voice. We appreciate the following top officials who showed their immediate support: Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, and State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski.

The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Coalition of Wisconsin unites AAPI leaders throughout the state, serving as a conduit for AAPI communities and local/municipal/state resources to come together to stand against Hate and Racism. Born out of a rise in anti-Asian sentiments tied to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, our coalition inspires action in, and across, all communities by confronting racism, connecting resources and serving those affected by hatred and xenophobia.

The Coalition currently includes the following AAPI organizations and businesses: Artfluent, Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin, Chin Community of Milwaukee, ElevAsian, Hmong American Leadership and Economic Development, Hmong American Partnership, Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Japanese American Citizens League - WI, Meat on the Street, Milwaukee Chinese Community Center, Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition, National Association of Asian American Professionals, Organization of Chinese Americans - WI, Our Scholarship, Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin, United Hmong of Wisconsin Outreach, United Lao Educational Development, Wisconsin Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association.