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API Legislative Caucus Chair Statement on Jose Antonio Vargas

Sacramento, CA - Statement by Assemblymember Paul Fong (D – San Jose), chair of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, on the recent detention of civil rights and immigration reform leader Jose Antonio Vargas:

“I’m relieved to hear that Mr. Vargas, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, was released after being detained earlier today by Border Patrol. This past May, the API Legislative Caucus honored Jose Antonio Vargas for his unwavering commitment and tireless work in civil rights and immigration reform, and held a screening of his documentary, *Documented*. He eloquently highlighted and humanized the challenges and frustrations of our broken immigration system.

Congress’ failure to address the broken immigration system is irresponsible. This incident, in addition to the current crisis involving migrant youth, demonstrates the need for immigration reform now.

On behalf of the California API Legislative Caucus, I urge our Congress to work to find a solution.”

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