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## **API Legislative Caucus Statement on Repeal of Prop. 187**

**(Sacramento, CA)** - Today on the Assembly Floor, Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D – Oakland) presented Senate Bill 396 (De León), which would repeal the unconstitutional language of Proposition 187 from California law. On behalf of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, Assemblymember Paul Fong (D – San Jose), principal co-author of the measure, made the following statement:

“The Assembly took a historic step today towards removing hateful speech from California law. Immigrants, undocumented or not, are the foundation of this country and of California – they are our doctors, our nurses, our teachers, our mothers, our fathers, our workers, and our care givers. California’s Asian Pacific Islander American community is all of these. When Proposition 187 passed twenty years ago, it was a direct attack on immigrant communities, and the court rightfully found it unconstitutional. Yet this disgraceful language still remains. Today is a day where we finally right a wrong, and remove this stain from our law books.”