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California AAPI Legislative Caucus Applauds President Biden's Signing of Landmark Infrastructure Package

SACRAMENTO, CA -- The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (AAPILC) applauds President Biden in signing a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package that will be implemented to improve infrastructure, including public transportation, roads, bridges, ports, railways, power grids, broadband internet, and water and sewage systems.

The AAPI community has been subjected to both racial and economic discrimination throughout the pandemic. Thanks to this legislation, public transit options will be expanded in every state, thousands of deficient buses will be replaced with clean, zero-emission vehicles, and people with disabilities and the elderly will have better access to public transit. The changes will be critical, especially for AAPI and Black communities who use public transportation four times as often.

“Thank you President Joe Biden and federal leaders for passing this landmark Infrastructure Bill. This bill will tackle major issues facing the AAPI community by boosting our economy and tackling the growing climate crisis,” said **Dr. Richard Pan, Senator (D-Sacramento) and Chair of the AAPI Legislative Caucus**. “The push for zero-emission vehicles and climate change mitigation will help the one in four AAPIs struggling with poverty in California that are being heavily impacted by climate change. The boost in job creation to build the infrastructure projects will also help AAPIs find much needed employment after the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows AAPIs as having the nation’s highest rates of long-term unemployment.”

“All Americans should be proud to see President Biden sign this infrastructure bill, which represents a huge step forward as we overhaul everything from our rail lines and the nation’s power grid to investing in environmental cleanups and broadband internet for communities of color,” said **Assemblymember Evan Low, Vice Chair of the AAPI Legislative Caucus**. “The

only way we can ensure our nation remains competitive in the global economy is to invest in our infrastructure here at home. I'm especially proud to see that these investments will have a task force to provide the necessary oversight and ensure all funds are spent in a thoughtful, responsible, and equitable fashion."

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The California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus represents and advocates for the interests of the diverse AAPI communities throughout California. It seeks to increase AAPI participation and representation in all levels of government.

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