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CA Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Joins Lawsuit Against Trump Administration Over Citizenship Question on 2020 Census

Sacramento – Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Chair of the California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, announced that the California API Legislative Caucus has joined a lawsuit challenging the 2020 Census citizenship question along with other individuals and organizations representing communities of color.

“The Trump administration is systematically and intentionally silencing our immigrant communities by inserting the citizenship question in our 2020 U.S. Census form. The California Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus has worked hard to make all of our API communities visible through data collection, but the addition of this question threatens our visibility. Our communities are no longer confident that their responses will remain anonymous and may opt out of completing the form altogether. Adding an untested question is a government-sanctioned attack and may potentially result in a significant undercount, leaving communities without proper representation and adequate resources. We are proud to join more than two dozen organizations and individuals across the country to challenge the citizenship question and restore integrity to the U.S. Census.”

The complaint was filed by Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC (Advancing Justice | AAJC), MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) and the Law Office of Robert P. Newman. The complaint may be found [here](#).

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

Website of the California API Legislative Caucus: <http://apicaucus.legislature.ca.gov>

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