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## **California API, Black, Latino Caucuses Issue Joint Statement Regarding Threats from US Attorney General Jeff Sessions**

SACRAMENTO – Today, the members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus; the California Legislative Black Caucus and the California Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus issued the following joint statement regarding “warnings” from the U.S. Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions that state grant funds could be jeopardized unless California state, counties and municipal authorities verify they are complying with federal law:

“The API, Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses are deeply troubled by the Trump Administration’s continued and unfounded attacks on the policies of the state of California, its counties and its cities.

“The Attorney General seems to have forgotten his Constitutional studies, in particular the ‘dual sovereignty’ relationship between the states and the federal government. California does not take orders from the Federal government.

“To be clear, the laws we have enacted and policies we have implemented in California reflect the will of the people of this great state. Our laws and policies do not violate federal law and are not subject to federal ‘enforcement actions.’ These continued threats from the Attorney General and the Trump Administration go beyond their constitutional authority and our Caucuses will do everything in our legislative power to defend the rights and the will of the residents of California.”

- Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), Chairman, CA Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
- Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), Chairman, CA Legislative Black Caucus
- Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego), Chairman, CA Latino Legislative Caucus

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