

# House Panel Hearing at 10 am ET Today

YouTube livestreaming of the House Judiciary panel hearing on Discrimination and Violence Against Asian Americans starts at 10 am ET today: <http://bit.ly/30Twodt>

Witnesses in the first panel will include Senator Tammy Duckworth and Congresswomen Judy Chu, Doris Matsui, and Grace Meng. The second panel of 8 witnesses will be led by John Yang, President and Executive Director of Advancing Justice AAJC. A full list of the witnesses is available here: <https://bit.ly/3cGMSeI>. Written testimonies will be posted after the event.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden condemned anti-Asian hate crimes in a prime-time speech on pandemic recovery. “Too often, we’ve turned against one another. ... Vicious hate crimes against Asian Americans who have been attacked, harassed, blamed, and scapegoated. At this very moment, so many of them, our fellow Americans, they’re on the front lines of this pandemic trying to save lives, and still, still they’re forced to live in fear for their lives just walking down streets in America,” Biden noted. “It’s wrong. It’s un-American. And it must stop.” See <http://bit.ly/3tbrULo>

On March 12, 2021, Senator Mazie Hirono introduced legislation that would force the U.S. Justice Department to prioritize and expedite the review of COVID-19 related hate crimes that target Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The bill would also provide more resources to local law enforcement agencies to investigate and combat discrimination and violence against AAPI communities. Senator Tammy Duckworth is a co-sponsor of the Seante bill. See <http://bit.ly/3eOXzOQ>. A companion measure, H.R.6721 - COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, was introduced in the House by New York Congresswoman Grace Meng last year. See <http://bit.ly/3bYMCbS>

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