

Remarks by The APA Justice Task Force
Solidarity Against Hate Rally, Washington DC
May 31, 2021

My name is Jeremy Wu. On behalf of the APA Justice Task Force and its co-organizers Steven Pei and Vincent Wang, I thank the organizers for this timely and unifying rally today.

For too long, Asian Americans have been silent.

For too long, we have been silenced, ignored, or pushed out of the way.

For too long, we have suffered from racism, discrimination, and stereotyped as the perpetual foreigner.

For too long, our scientists and researchers have been profiled to be a threat and disloyal to our nation.

For too long, our government workers are not trusted to be officers and leaders of uniformed services, law enforcement, national intelligence, and diplomatic functions.

For too long, Asian Americans have made contributions to every segment of the American society but are ignored.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to mourn many Asian American military personnel who have also died in the performance of their military duties to defend our nation.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to stand up, speak out, and take action.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to stop anti-Asian hate and violence.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to stop profiling of our scientists, researchers, and government workers.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to build allies and coalitions - black, brown, yellow, and white; men and women; young and old. We are in the same boat.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to say enough is enough. We are Americans. We belong here.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to tie a yellow whistle around our wrists to protect ourselves and show our solidarity.

On this Memorial Day, we are here to blow the whistle against xenophobia and racism.

Let us make this Memorial Day memorable.

In closing, I ask all of you to blow the whistle together loud and clear to show our solidarity, that we will no longer be silent or silenced, and that we are Americans, and we belong.

Thank you.