

NCCA Public Statement

Condemn Mr. Lance Gooden's Racist and Unconscionable Remarks

National Council of Chinese Americans strongly denounces the racist attack by Congressman Lance Gooden against Congresswoman Judy Chu and Chinese American community leader Dominic Ng, by questioning their loyalty to the United States. We call such an attack "racist" precisely because the vicious attack is based on two Chinese American leaders' race and ethnicity. This is utterly repulsive.

Both Judy Chu and Dominic Ng have dedicated their lives to serve the United States of America. Their loyalty to this great country is beyond question. They both are hardworking, patriotic American public servants. In a letter dated Feb. 17, Congresswoman Chu responded to Mr. Gooden with the following statement: "No Chinese Americans—indeed no Americans—should face suspicions of disloyalty or treason based on their ethnicity, nation of origin, or that of their family members." Lance Gooden's remarks on the Fox News expose his lack of respect for the fundamental principle of the Constitution of the United States, that all American citizens deserve equal rights and constitutional protection. As the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) rightly pointed out, "This type of insinuation and fear mongering only further endangers our communities."

We call upon the members of both major parties, Republicans and Democrats, to condemn Lance Gooden's racist and unconscionable remarks to demonstrate that you are taking your responsibilities and conducting your duties for our country and for our Constitution.

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