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**National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) Responds to  
President Obama's Sixth State of the Union Address**

Washington, D.C.—National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) National Director Mini Timmaraju issued the following in response to President Obama's sixth State of the Union address:

We are encouraged by President Obama's commitment to grow the middle class, provide equal pay and stand for immigrant families. Tonight, the President also emphasized his plan for quality and affordable education including free community college. These key issues significantly affect the lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, communities that experienced one of the fastest growing poverty rates in the wake of the recession.

NCAPA applauds the President's call to reform the criminal justice system so that it protects and serves all Americans. Additionally, while we applaud steps toward relief for the estimated 1.3 million undocumented immigrants of Asian descent, NCAPA urges leaders to also keep families in mind when finding solutions to our broken immigration system.

NCAPA is also heartened that the President pushed for protections for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and condemned offensive stereotypes of Muslims and Muslim Americans in his speech.

In the final two years of Obama's Administration, we call on Congress to work together with the President who laid out a vision to put aside politics for better policies. We look forward to engaging members of NCAPA and continuing our work to help and uplift all of our communities.

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*The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), founded in 1996, is a coalition of 34 national Asian Pacific American organizations. Based in Washington D.C., NCAPA serves to represent the interests of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) communities and to provide a national voice on policy issues and priorities.*