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National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) Condemns Texas Ruling that would Block Obama Administration Immigration Relief

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal judge in Texas late last night temporarily blocked two of the Obama administration's immigration executive actions, responding to a suit filed by 26 Republican-led states. This decision would affect the expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which is set to begin tomorrow, Feb. 18, along with Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA).

An estimated 4.9 million undocumented immigrants would benefit from the executive actions, including approximately half a million Asian Americans.

“We are certain that the court system will uphold the administration's lawful actions to protect immigrants and their families,” said National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) National Director Mini Timmaraju. “We urge the Department of Justice to continue vigorously defending immigration executive actions so that hardworking immigrants can move forward and apply for programs that will allow them to work and continue to contribute to this country. We also strongly urge those who are eligible for the existing DACA program to continue their application process whether it's for a new application or a renewal.”

NCAPA is hosting a press call for community media tomorrow, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. ET with members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), community leaders and two DACA beneficiaries for community media to discuss DACA expansion. A speaker from the National Immigration Law Center has also been added to comment on the Texas judge's ruling. Those interested in participating in the call may RSVP at <http://bit.ly/DACAMediaCallRSVP>.

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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.