



**Coalition for a TB-free California Statement
Renewal of White House Initiative
on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders**

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The Coalition for a TB-free California joins our partners in thanking President Biden for renewing the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). We also applaud the appointment of Krystal Ka'ai as the Initiative's Executive Director.

We look forward to working with WHIAANHPI to address the impact of tuberculosis (TB) on the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities. AANHPIs make up 5.8% of people living in the United States and 36% of those in the United States diagnosed with TB. Tuberculosis is a preventable and treatable disease that can be eliminated in the United States.

The Coalition for a TB-free Californian urges the Biden Administration to work with stakeholders to develop and implement an initiative to eliminate TB in the United States, focused on expanding TB testing and care for at risk communities. WHIAANHPI could play a critical role. By prioritizing TB elimination, the Biden Administration could secure a major public health victory and address a significant health inequity impacting AANHPI communities in the United States.

We look forward to working with Ms. Ka'ai on ending the suffering caused by TB in the AANHPI communities in the United States.

Coalition members:

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Asian American Drug Abuse Program
Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
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California Hepatitis Alliance
California TB Controllers Association
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SF Hep B Free
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