

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 21, 2021

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Grijalva,

I write to request that you include my *Commission to Study the Potential Creation of A National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act, H.R. 3525*, in your first markup in January 2022.

The story of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (APIs) is interwoven within the history of America, but frequently our history is forgotten or ignored in the greater narrative of American history. That is why we urge you to markup this bill as a first step to creating a national museum dedicated to the history and culture of APIs.

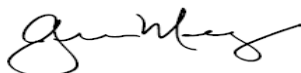
Museums are gateways to learning about ourselves, our communities, and our history. They provide space to memorialize the accomplishments of ancestors, learn from the past, and be inspired by the richness of where our country can go.

The history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders is filled with immense contributions and sadly embedded with stories of disenfranchisement. From the thousands of Asian immigrants who helped build vital pieces of U.S. infrastructure, to the thousands who were denied entry and citizenship because of immigration laws like the Chinese Exclusion Act, APIs have shaped and been shaped by America for generations.

My legislation is the first step in creating a national museum that is dedicated to interweaving AAPI history in the broader narrative of American history. Our experiences – both good and bad – provide an opportunity for us to celebrate our accomplishments, honor the challenges we have overcome, and press forward toward a more perfect union.

That is why we urge you to take up this bill in your Committee markup and move it through the legislative process. We thank you for your leadership in ensuring that all components of our history are memorialized, and we look forward to working with you as we preserve the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Sincerely,



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