

TO:
**Assembly Committee on Legislative
Operations and Elections**
**401 South Carson Street,
Carson City, NV**

April 3, 2025

RE: Testimony in Support of AJR14

To Chair Mosca and members of the Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections committee,

One APIA Nevada is a grassroots nonprofit advocating for policies empowering everyday Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Nevadans. We address the need for long-term policy change and coordinated advocacy for AANHPI communities through culturally-competent organizing and direct services. Nevada is home to over 445,000 Asian Pacific Islander Americans, comprising around 14% of the total population, as of 2023.

The Asian American community in Nevada, many of whom are immigrants or descendants of immigrants, understand the value of democracy in deeply personal ways. For those of our community members who've gone through the naturalization process, which is two-thirds of all citizens of Asian descents, we are explicitly asked whether we support the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and whether we renounce any efforts to overthrow the government by force. That's not a hypothetical—it's a core tenet of what it means to become an American citizen.

That is why we condemn the January 6th insurrection in no uncertain terms. It was not just a violent attack on the Capitol, it was a direct attack on the democratic principles that so many in our community have committed to uphold. To see people attempt to reframe the insurrectionists as patriots while immigrant communities are questioned, scrutinized, and even attacked for simply participating in civic life is deeply offensive.

Our community knows the cost of authoritarianism. We don't take democracy for granted, and we will always stand against those who try to undermine it.

We urge your support for AJR14.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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