



Federal Bar Association

Northern District of Ohio Chapter

Dear Members,

FBA NDOH Statement Condemning Hate and Violence

The Northern District of Ohio chapter of the Federal Bar Association joins organizations around the country in condemning the recent acts of hatred and violence against Asian Americans. We are appalled by the nearly 3,800 hate incidents reported to Stop AAPI Hate since March 2020 as well as the many others that have gone unreported. It is intolerable for any member of our community to live in fear of abuse—whether physical, verbal, or emotional.

The Asian American community is a vital and vibrant part of the American tapestry. The recent misguided attempts to sunder our connection to that community are an assault not only on the victims themselves, but the values that both our country and the Federal Bar Association hold sacred. We are at our strongest when we cherish and strengthen the threads that bind us to one another.

So we will not be silent in the face of these hate crimes against Asian Americans across the country. We will not be silent in the face of irresponsible xenophobic rhetoric that has become much too common in public discourse. And we will not be silent as members of the Asian American community endure fear, anguish, and anxiety in the face of bigotry and hate crimes.

We stand in solidarity with the Asian American community, denounce targeted racial violence (or, indeed, violence of any kind), and utterly reject rhetoric that associates the coronavirus with any particular nation or group. We extend our deepest sympathy to the victims of racial violence against Asian Americans, their families, and friends. We call upon federal, state, and local authorities to promptly and vigorously prosecute hate crimes against Asian Americans. And we urge our members and Americans at large to use their own voices and platforms as bridges rather than wedges between communities.

Best regards,

Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter

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