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The Honorable Julie Su
Acting Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Su,

I am writing to express my support for the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging's (NAPCA) application for the U.S. Department of Labor's *FY24 Senior Community Service Employment Program*. NAPCA is seeking to renew funding for their Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).

NAPCA is a national advocacy organization dedicated to serving the health, well-being and quality of life for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) older adults. By providing culturally competent, linguistically appropriate employment and healthcare programs, NAPCA's work directly addresses critical barriers that negatively impact the AANHPI aging community.

In my district, 28% of people are at least 50 years old and 15% identify as AANHPI. As the only organization in Washington's 7th Congressional District that focuses on supporting our growing population of AANHPI aging adults through the utilization of SCSEP, NAPCA's program is essential for supporting AANHPI older adults through employment opportunities. With the renewed funding, NAPCA will be able to hire and retain 150 current SCSEP participants, expand partnerships in the Seattle area and build a pipeline to connect aging adults with employment opportunities in local businesses.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to NAPCA's application for funding from DOL's *FY24 Senior Community Service Employment Program*. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (206) 674-0040 if you have any questions about my support for this application.

Sincerely,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress