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Mr. Chen,

We write to you as immigrants, children of immigrants, and leaders in your community, to express to you how deeply hurt we are by your recent comment mocking the accent of Congresswoman Michelle Steel.

So many in this community have worked hard to learn and speak English, albeit with an accent. The idea that you would use their accent and heritage as a punch line to a joke is ugly and heartbreaking for the entire AAPI community.

We expect better from someone running for public office, and from someone whose own family could be subject to the same racism.

We are calling on you to immediately and publicly apologize for your racist attacks, not just to Congresswoman Steel, but to the entire Asian American community.

Sincerely,

Young Kim
U.S. Representative

Andrew Do
Orange County Supervisor

Ling Ling Chang
State Senator, ret.

Steven Choi
State Assemblyman

Janet Nguyen
State Assemblywoman

Phillip Chen
State Assemblyman

Tyler Diep
State Assemblyman, ret.

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State Assemblyman, ret.

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