



## **Chinese American Citizens Alliance**

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# Community Action Alert! Voice Your Concern with FBI Director Wray's Remarks on Chinese Students, Scientists and Professors as National Security Threat

San Francisco, March 6, 2018 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) encourages its membership to voice their concerns following the remarks made by Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Director Christopher A. Wray who described Chinese students, scientists and professors as national security threats. Many in Asian American communities, particularly Chinese Americans, were shocked and concerned to hear high-ranking U.S. officials characterize, at a recent Senate hearing, all persons of Chinese origin in the United States as potential national security threats, therefore requiring "a whole-of-society response by us" to such an existential threat.

Spurred by the community's broad concerns, leaders of 14 national Asian American organizations sent a letter on March 1 to Director Wray with a request for a meeting. Given that several Chinese American scientists in recent years have been mistakenly targeted for prosecution of espionage-related charges, these organizations seek to create an ongoing dialogue with the FBI to foster better communications and mutual understanding between these communities and the FBI.

Now, it is your turn.

#### How You Can Help

- 1. Sign up on here to register your concern, and support the organizations' efforts to create a dialogue with the FBI Director.
- Contact your House Representatives and Senators. Find their contact at www.govtrack.us/congress/members. See below for sample language for a phone call or letter.
- 3. Share this action alert with your friends, neighbors and colleagues.













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Sample Language for Phone Call or Letter:

I am a constituent from [City, State]. I am calling to express my concerns about the FBI Director's remarks during a recent Senate hearing. He made a blanket statement that characterized all Chinese students, professors and scientists as potential spies. By making such statements, he is approving law enforcement to target people based on their ethnic background and national origin, not on their actions. This is against the American principles and values. I know examples of innocent Chinese Americans being wrongfully accused as spies and caused severe damage to their life and family. I'd like to ask my congressman/senator to:

- Call on the FBI Director to clarify his statement, and reaffirm that the FBI will not engage in profiling based on national origin or ethnicity.
- Encourage the FBI Director to speak to the coalition of national organizations that sent him a letter on March 1 calling for a dialogue between the FBI and the Asian American community.
- Assure the voters in [your congressional district or state] that the congressman/senator will not tolerate broad profiling based on a person's ethnic identity or national origin.

#### **Background Reading**

www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/02/15/fbi-director-testifies-chinese-students-andintelligence-threats

capac-chu.house.gov/press-release/capac-members-rubio-and-wray%E2%80%99s-remarkssingling-out-chinese-students-national-security

www.thedailybeast.com/fbi-directors-shock-claim-chinese-students-are-a-potential-threat

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, and supports youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.