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Dear Friends & Supporters,

Thank you for your efforts to date to support Massachusetts residents during the most challenging year of our lifetimes.

The past year marked AAPIC's 15th year in the community. It was an unprecedented year with a global pandemic devastating many communities and changing our way of life. Despite the recent challenges related to COVID-19, the AAPIC adapted and re-adjusted how we work and serve Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

The [2021 Annual Report](#) summarizes the AAPIC's findings and activities of the preceding year and recommendations to the governor and the clerks of the senate and House of representatives.

Now more than ever, leading with a community voice and promoting equity are critical to our work. The House recently filed **Amendment 1239** to increase funding for the AAPIC from \$250,000 to \$456,053. This funding will enable the AAPIC to reach underserved regions of the Commonwealth, including Western Massachusetts. AAPIC will expand its service for AAPI residents, including seniors and youth, and for building coalitions among the poor and communities of color.

We are grateful for our partnerships, which have allowed us to establish a foundation to continue fighting for equality and justice under Massachusetts and the US laws. Our dedicated team of volunteer Commissioners has been integral to the Commission's success. We are also fortunate to have the support of our appointing authorities, that works to ensure the Commission represents the best interests of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders throughout the Commonwealth.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to advance a more inclusive, equitable Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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