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**Representative Snodgrass Condemns Incidents of Hate, Crime & Violence Toward Asian American Community**

APPLETON-- In the wake of recent hate crimes and violence across the country, Representative Lee Snodgrass (D-Appleton) released the following statement.

“While racism and discrimination in the Asian community is sadly nothing new, the dramatic increase in acts of hate, harassment and violence toward our country’s diverse Asian population is shocking. The xenophobic rhetoric of our former President, coupled with the complicit silence of Republican elected officials and his supporters has directly contributed to a heightened era of white supremacy and racism. It is the responsibility of all of us, especially those in elected office, to name it, call it out and condemn it unequivocally.

Living with fear of harassment or violence takes an emotional toll and is bad for our community. I call upon those in the 57th Assembly District and throughout Wisconsin to stand up against hate and harassment and embrace the power of our diversity by celebrating the enrichment and contributions of our Asian American friends, neighbors, business owners and citizens.”

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