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AAPCHO Applauds Graham-Cassidy Legislation Defeat

WASHINGTON – Following the decision to not vote on the Graham-Cassidy legislation in the U.S. Senate, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) released the following statement:

“We are pleased that senators heard the voices of their constituents and rejected this bill, which would have caused millions of Americans to lose their health care and would have been detrimental to the stability of the health care system overall,” said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. “We look forward to working with Congress on policy solutions that will serve all communities, including low-income children and families served by community health centers and who are most in need for quality health care they can afford.”

The Graham-Cassidy bill would have had devastating impacts for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA&NHPIs) and the health centers that serve them. Located in communities with high concentrations of medically underserved AA&NHPIs, AAPCHO member health centers would have been grossly impacted by Medicaid funding cuts from this bill. AAPCHO members and other health centers heavily rely on Medicaid, as it provides their largest source of revenue. For more information about the essential role of Medicaid for AA&NHPI-serving and other health centers, see our fact sheet [AA&NHPI-Serving Health Centers and Medicaid](#).

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. For more information on AAPCHO, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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