Senator Toni Harp, John Geragosian and the members of the committee:

I am Kevin Cranford, Jr. a 23 year old working professional from Manchester, CT. I am voicing my support for the Asian Pacific American Coalition. The APAC is a non-partisan group who advocate for the civil rights and well beings of the asian community throughout Connecticut.

First I would like to sincerly thank you for establishing an Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission. On July 1st 2009 the legislation is to take effect and it is in desperate need of funding. To sufficiently financial support the APAC would be a small portion of the state's budget.

The main reason I am concerned with the continued support of the Asian Pacific American Coalition is because they are an advocate for the civil rights of the asian community. Being a black male in today's society I don't know where I would be without the civil rights of the 1960's. The APAC is a voice for those who do not have one in the community and the government. The civil rights of this group of people has been neglected by the

populous for many years. The APAC has brought their needs, including: equal housing, education, and health care to the fore front of policy makers in the state. Without the APAC there would be no one to stand up for the asian community.

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please keep in consideration funding the Asian Pacific American Coalition, for their work is far too important not to be

Thank you,
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