

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), issued the following statement on the decision to pull reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act from today’s legislative calendar:

“As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), I am seriously concerned about the decision to withdraw Voting Rights Act reauthorization from today’s legislative calendar. Universal suffrage is America’s most fundamental and cherished right. The VRA ensures its permanence and integrity. I have been heartened by consistent bipartisan support for the VRA, and am very worried that today’s decision may be used to politicize an issue that should remain inviolate to partisan squabbling. I urge my colleagues to renew this crucial legislation, immediately and completely.”

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The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.