



November 23, 2022

Dear Colleague:

I write to inform you that the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is proud to endorse Congressman Ami Bera to serve as Chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in the 118th Congress. Throughout his ten years in Congress, Ami has been a champion of CAPAC, our communities, and Democratic values.

It is imperative that our leadership reflects the growing diversity of America. Asian Americans have long been a part of the rich fabric of our nation's history, from helping build America's first Transcontinental Railroad, to serving in our military since the War of 1812, to working on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our communities are also a significant part of our modern electorate – according to the 2020 U.S. Census, Asian Americans are the fastest growing racial and ethnic group in the U.S. That is why we need AAPI leaders like Ami in senior leadership roles who can provide the perspectives and lived experiences of our diverse constituencies.

From his first day in Congress, Ami has made it his priority is to work alongside people in both parties to address our nation's most pressing challenges and make government work. In his current committee assignments on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs—where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation—and the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Ami has been a leader in pushing forward Democratic legislative priorities.

He also serves as Vice Chair for Outreach for the New Democrat Coalition and as CAPAC's Co-Chair for the caucus' Healthcare Task Force. As an Executive Member of CAPAC, Ami is a stalwart champion for AANHPI communities across the nation, and successfully advocated for additional funding for culturally specific services for AANHPI survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as part of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization.

Ami is also a dedicated team player with direct experience in winning competitive districts. Currently, Ami serves as Frontline Chair for the DCCC, overseeing efforts to protect vulnerable frontline Members while also helping elect dynamic new Members. This cycle alone, he has directly raised and given almost \$500,000 to Democratic Members and candidates. Through his work at the DCCC, Ami has also directly helped raise over \$3.8 million for Frontline and Red to Blue races and over \$1.4 million for the Committee. In addition to traveling to help candidates and incumbents and hosting and joining countless events, he has paid his full caucus dues.

As the son of immigrants and as the longest serving Indian American Member of Congress, Ami is committed to being a unifying bridge for all Members, and to building a talented team that reflects the diversity, strengths, and skills of our Caucus and of America. Ami's election as Chair of the DCCC would be historic as he would be the first Asian American to ever be elected to this position.

Throughout his time in public service, Ami has proven to be a driven and passionate leader on the forefront of reaching wide constituencies and enacting positive changes and is best positioned to start on day one to help Democrats take back the House. He has demonstrated his skills in winning one of the most competitive and costliest races, turning his vulnerable district into a safe one, and has shown how he can utilize his experience to oversee the protection of our most vulnerable House incumbents this cycle.

In addition, his proposals to strengthen outreach to the AAPI community and to collaborate with CAPAC members on strategy and spending demonstrate his bold and inclusive leadership. As Chair of the DCCC, Ami would not only give AANHPI communities a seat at the table, but would continue his success as Frontline Chair in electing Democrats to ensure that diverse voices are heard across the country. For all these reasons, CAPAC is proud to support Congressman Ami Bera's historic bid for Chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JUDY CHU

Chair

Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus