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I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to the members, leaders, and guests of the United States Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (USPAACC) as you convene for your national conference.

Since its founding in 1984, USPAACC has been key to creating opportunities for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) professionals throughout America. By establishing yourselves as an outlet for businesses to provide programming, funding, and additional resources, your work helps strengthen innovative connections, open doors, and empower people to succeed in their communities.

The President and I are committed to creating economic opportunity for all, including those in AA and NHPI communities. We have already invested billions of dollars in community lenders to support local entrepreneurs and expand access to capital. We are also increasing the share of federal contracts that are awarded to small disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent, which is expected to deliver an additional \$100 billion to these businesses by 2025. We remain fully committed to supporting entrepreneurs and leaders across our country.

Thank you for all that you do. May this conference serve as a reminder of the remarkable things that can be achieved when diverse communities come together, and may it help motivate us all to continue this important work.

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