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### Statement on Gaza Crisis and Solidarity with CBO Partners

The humanitarian and public health crisis experienced by innocent civilians, families, children, and the elderly in Gaza, is unbearably devastating and must stop. We at the Asian Health Coalition condemn all senseless and violent acts that promote hate and xenophobic behavior.

The Asian Health Coalition actively partners with community-based organizations (CBOs) that serve Arab and Muslim communities heavily impacted by the crisis in Gaza. Our current program partners have reported missing and/or the loss of family members living in Gaza. Additionally, they have reported a rise in Islamophobia and received physical threats to their staff and place of work. In response, the Asian Health Coalition stands in solidarity with partner sister organizations and the people within their care.

**WE STAND**, in solidarity with partner CBOs, such as Arab American Family Services, Indo-American Center, Hamdard Health, and Rohingya Cultural Center, as they mobilize to bring service, care, and solace to community members most affected by the crisis in Gaza.

**WE STAND**, in support of the [joint statement](#) by U.S. Senators from Illinois, Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin, calling for the cessation of hostilities that pose high-risk to civilians, aid workers and humanitarian aid delivery in Gaza.

**WE STAND**, as strong and committed advocates for the fair and just opportunity for all underserved communities to attain their highest level of health and wellbeing.

**WE STAND**, against all forms of racism, discrimination, and violence.

As a public health coalition for all underserved communities, we join sister organizations, institutions, and communities across the country to call for the condemnation of all forms of violence and the immediate resolution to the crisis in Gaza.

**WE CALL**, for all to be informed and educated on the tragic events and outcomes of the crisis in Gaza. Reference: [World Health Organization News](#)

**WE CALL**, for all to petition state and local representatives to advocate for an immediate cessation and end to the violence and crisis in Gaza.

**WE CALL**, on all allies to sincerely consider tangible support towards humanitarian, care, and peacemaking efforts both locally and abroad. Reference: [NPR Article on Humanitarian Efforts](#)

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