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## Hate Crimes Against Asian American Pacific Islanders in Massachusetts

## **Hosted By:**

Massachusetts Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

## Written Testimony:

If you are not able to participate in an online panel, the Committee will also accept written testimony. Written testimony may be emailed to Evelyn Bohor at <a href="mailto:ero@usccr.gov">ero@usccr.gov</a> by June 6, 2021

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Phone: 202-539-8246 Phone: 202-921-2212 www.usccr.gov The Massachusetts Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a web conference to discuss hate incidents and hate crimes against individuals of Asian American Pacific Island descent.

Discrimination and attacks against Asian-Americans have surged in the past year. The killing of six American women of Asian descent in Atlanta, the killing of Asians in California, and the recent brutal daylight attack of a 65-year-old Filipina on her way to church have shocked the nation and spawned nationwide protests.

A recent report from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism found that anti-Asian hate crimes increased 150 percent in 2020 in America's 16 largest cities, despite overall hate crimes dropping 7 percent in those cities.

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2021 at 2 pm ET

Join virtually, WebEx: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/533t9psj">https://tinyurl.com/533t9psj</a>

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The Committee will hear from advocates and public officials about the rise in attacks on AAPI individuals and the efforts to address the xenophobia and anti-Asian racism in Massachusetts.

The Committee will have a public comment period to hear public testimony at end of the meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to share their experience. Please join the call early if you wish to speak and keep comments to around 3-5 minutes.

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