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Dear Mr. Lin:

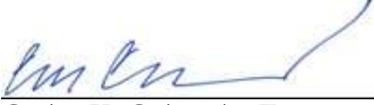
My name is Carlos X. Colorado; I was president of the O.C. Hispanic Bar Association in 2010, during which time I was lucky to work hand-in-hand with the leadership of your fine organization. In fact, I was privileged to receive OCAABA's endorsement when I applied for a judicial appointment a couple of years later. Even though I was unsuccessful, I will always be grateful for OCAABA's vote of confidence, and I sought the backing because I believe it is important for the judiciary and the legal system to reflect the values that OCAABA and the OCHBA stand for.

I am writing to express my solidarity with OCAABA and all its members, and with the Asian American community generally, in the wake of events that have naturally rattled many Asian Americans and highlighted the unfortunate lingering hostilities to which Asian Americans are sometimes still exposed. I figured that, if for no other reason, my letter would enable your board and leadership to say to members of your community who may feel hopeless or embattled that you have heard from at least some members of other groups who have written to express their solidarity and to declare that we stand with you during these difficult times.

In a deeper sense, I also wanted to write a word of advice, to counsel action—and, more explicitly, vigilant, preemptive, and continual action—to promote deepening bonds among groups like OCAABA and the HBA, because our own communities need diversity and bias training too, and we should be perennially on guard against lax attitudes toward the hurtful and corrosive forces of race-based mistrust and division in our society.

Warm regards and best wishes for continued success in your mission.

Very truly yours,

  
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