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Representative Calvert,

We write to you as Asian American elected officials and community leaders to express how deeply disturbed we are for your reckless and defamatory attacks on Congresswoman Young Kim, in which you characterize her as “compromised” by the Chinese Communist Party. This is an outright lie and hurtful to the entire Asian American community.

No one has a stronger record in Congress than Congresswoman Kim in confronting the Chinese Communist Party and standing up for U.S. National Security – so much so that the Chinese Communist Party has called for her arrest. You should know better.

To dismiss that record and insinuate that Congresswoman Kim, an Asian-American, is an agent of the Chinese Communist Party is not only reckless, but also the height of hypocrisy considering you did the very same thing you are now attacking Congresswoman Kim over.

We call on you to immediately and publicly apologize to Congresswoman Young Kim and the Asian American community for these racist smears. For generations, Asian Americans have had their loyalty and patriotism questioned because of their heritage. We deserve better than to have those same prejudices exploited for political gain.

Sincerely,

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