WASHINGTON, D.C. – Tomorrow, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee will markup the Homeland Security Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2018, which currently includes provisions to fund $1.6 billion for a border wall, as well as increased funding for new border patrol agents, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, and an unprecedented number of immigration detention beds. Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Chair Judy Chu (CA-27) released the following statement:

“The proposed House appropriations bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security is extremely dangerous for immigrant families. Not only does it endorse President Trump’s agenda to create a mass deportation force, build a multi-billion dollar border wall, and tear millions of families apart, but it also forces American taxpayers to foot the bill for these hateful actions.

“Immigrants have strengthened our communities for centuries, and it is unconscionable that House Republicans would put forth a bill filled with poison pills that only serves to create fear in our communities and that will ultimately make our country less safe.

“As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I urge my colleagues to reject these anti-immigrant proposals, and instead take sensible steps to work in a bipartisan manner to pass comprehensive immigration reform.”

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*The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is comprised of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Currently chaired by Congresswoman Judy Chu, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life since it was founded in 1994.*