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**A Message from International Leadership of Texas
in Support of Asian-American
Communities**

At International Leadership of Texas we emphasize “Servant Leadership”, “Others Before Self”, and “Respect.” As such, we stand with millions across America condemning the recent violence and terrorist attacks aimed toward Asian-Americans. We denounce all acts of bullying, violence, and racism against any humans. No one should feel fear nor face verbal or physical violence simply due to race or country of origin.

These acts should be un-American and they are not consistent nor in keeping with a “more perfect union” as our constitution declares. Unfortunately, recent events have highlighted that there have been over 3,800 reports of hate crimes since mid-March 2020. More than 500 of those incidents happened in the first two months of 2021 with the most recent being the bloody daylight attack on an elderly Asian woman and worse the mass murder of six Asian women in Atlanta.

The global pandemic has in some manner affected us all, with uncertainties, economic instability, health challenges, mental and emotional stress, and over 500,000 deaths of loved ones due to COVID19.

However, the stress of this pandemic should never be an excuse to use verbal insults or physical assaults against anyone – regardless of race or country of origin. At ILTexas we are honored to have over 110 Chinese teachers helping over 20,700 American students learn Chinese language and culture. We are blessed that many of our staff are of Asian descent. We also are extremely blessed to have many Asian International Students and blessed to have many American students and their parents who are also of Asian descent but very disappointingly many of them have personally been verbally assaulted. This is unacceptable and it must stop.

All of us in the ILTexas family should live our values of “Respect”, “Others Before Self” and “Servant Leadership” to stand up and speak up in defense of everyone regardless of race, religion, or country of origin. This is our “Call to Action.”