

During a February 13th Senate Intelligence Committee hearing on worldwide threats, Senator Marco Rubio and FBI Director Chris Wray singled out Chinese students and scholars as a national security threat to the United States. The exchange between Rubio and Wray led Director Wray to state that Chinese academics, including professors, scientists, students studying and working in the United States may be covertly gathering intelligence for the Chinese government. The Chinese-American Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (COAA), like many other organizations, finds these remarks false, prejudicial, irresponsible, divisive, harmful, and abjectly offensive. We strongly condemn such outrageously blatant racial profiling of a whole ethnic Chinese-American community.

COAA is a non-profit organization comprised of more than 600 Chinese-American scholars working in the United States on oceanic and atmospheric sciences. We dedicate our activities to promote science through communications and mentoring young scholars. Our members are lawful US citizens and legal residents and have made immense scientifically documented contributions to earth science since the establishment of COAA 25 years ago. During the COAA lifetime, however, we have also witnessed some unfair treatment of Chinese American scientists who were wrongly prosecuted based on their ethnicity, not the facts, even though they were eventually found innocent. Now, at a time when we are witnessing an increasingly polarized American society at large, we at COAA feel a more urgent need to speak up against racial profiling and discrimination, and to make sure that Chinese-Americans are not being targeted by our own judicial system simply because of their Chinese ethnicity.

COAA endorses other Chinese-American organizations' statements on this issue, such as those by the Committee of 100 (C-100, <https://committee100.org/blog/2018/02/16/press-release-committee-100-denounces-broad-brush-stereotyping-and-targeting-of-chinese-students-and-academics/>), the United Chinese Americans (UCA, <http://ucausa.org/news-update/fbi/>), among others. We also strongly encourage our members to write to their representatives to make our voice heard.

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To the Honorable XXX,

I am deeply troubled by FBI Director Christopher Wray's recent remarks during the February 13th Senator Intelligence Committee's hearing on worldwide threats that Chinese academics or "non-traditional collectors" — "professors, scientists, students" studying and working in the United States in "basically every discipline" — may be covertly gathering intelligence for the Chinese government. To target a whole group of people as being subject to greater suspicion, based purely on race and national origin, and in advance of any facts or evidence, goes against the fundamental American ideals of the presumption of innocence, due process and equal protection for all. It also fans the flames of hysteria.

We have seen instances in our history when Asian Americans have encountered such racial prejudice resulting in discriminatory laws and harmful actions, whether through the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 or the internment of 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. These incidences have been shameful chapters in American history, ones that we must collectively, as a nation, commit to not repeating. We need to learn the lessons of history, we need to do better by one another.

As an American citizen, I committed to protecting America's national security and recognize the importance of ensuring our nation is able to counteract perils from espionage. However, I support fair and appropriate investigation, prosecution, and punishment of espionage that is based on the evidence and not on profiling or suspicion based on race, ethnicity, or national origin. Within the last two decades, we have seen this rush-to-judgement in the cases of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, Dr. Xiaoxing Xi, and Ms. Sherry Chen — all Chinese American scientists or federal employees who were unjustly prosecuted based on suspicion of their ancestry, but who were later found to be innocent of wrongdoing, though not before having their lives ruined.

For over 160 years, despite the stereotype of being 'perpetual foreigners', Chinese immigrants, many of whom first arrived as students, have contributed immeasurably to the richness and success of the United States, including 8 Chinese Americans winning Nobel prizes in the sciences while working in America. In every field from the arts to the sciences, business to entertainment, politics to sports, Chinese Americans are loyal and hard-working citizens.

At this time when there is great potential for polarization and misunderstanding, I extremely worried about stoking fears through broad-brush stereotyping of any group of people. As our elected officials, please stand up for us and denounce FBI director's terrible remarks, stop any policies and regulations that lead to racial and ethnic profiling, and uphold our cherished principles of the presumption of innocence and due process for all.

Thanks,

(Your name)