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**APABA-DC Calls on Nation's Leaders to Remain  
Focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

APABA-DC is troubled by efforts to cast diversity-related training of government workers as "[demeaning](#)" or "[divisive, anti-American propaganda](#)." We urge our Nation's leaders to remain committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to take steps to combat systemic and historical injustices. No institution—including the government—is immune from systemic racism. Especially in light of [COVID-19-related violence against Asian Americans](#), the pandemic's disproportionate impact on diverse communities, and recent events highlighting the painful legacies of injustice wrought on Black lives throughout America's history, now is the time for our private and public institutions to take meaningful action, and dedicate resources to promote diversity and inclusion across all sectors of our workforce.

APABA-DC continues to oppose racism and injustice of any kind, [stands in solidarity with the Black community](#), and reiterates its call for the [legal profession to act](#) not only to preserve, but also to build on the significant gains that have been made in retaining and advancing diverse lawyers.