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FOPO Statement on Anti-Asian Hate

Nine months ago, at a moment of national mourning, the pediatric organizations in the United States pledged to fight the lethal effects of racism. In the last few days, the horrific murders in and around Atlanta galvanize us to redouble these efforts and resist the rise in anti-Asian hate, often directed at Asian-American and Pacific Islander women.¹

Hate directed at one member of our community threatens all members. Pediatricians across the country care for millions of Asian-American and Pacific Islander children and families. Sixteen percent of anti-Asian hate crimes have been reported by AAPI youth², which is concerning given the links between racism and poorer mental health outcomes.^{3,4}

Nearly one in five pediatricians is Asian-American.

Today, we join in solidarity with the families of our patients and with our colleagues to declare: ["Stop AAPI Hate!"](#)

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