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AMENDMENT NO. _____

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D-19 hate crimes,

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Ms. HIRONO (for

herself and Ms. COLLINS)

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1 On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Following the spread of COVID-19 in
6 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate
7 crimes and violence against Asian-Americans and
8 Pacific Islanders.

9 (2) According to a recent report, there were
10 nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimina-
11 tion and incidents related to COVID-19 between

1 March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, in all 50
2 States and the District of Columbia.

3 (3) During this timeframe, race has been cited
4 as the primary reason for discrimination, making up
5 over 90 percent of incidents, and the United States
6 condemns and denounces any and all anti-Asian and
7 Pacific Islander sentiment in any form.

8 (4) Roughly 36 percent of Asian-American and
9 Pacific Islander businesses have been the targets of
10 discrimination incidents during this time period.

11 (5) More than 1,900,000 Asian-American and
12 Pacific Islander older adults, particularly those older
13 adults who are recent immigrants or have limited
14 English proficiency, may face even greater chal-
15 lenges in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, in-
16 cluding discrimination, economic insecurity, and lan-
17 guage isolation.

18 On page 2, strike line 4 and insert the following:

19 **SEC. 3. REVIEW OF HATE CRIMES.**

20 On page 2, line 5, strike “1 day” and insert “7 days”.

21 On page 2, line 8, strike “sole”.

1 On page 2, beginning on line 9, strike “COVID–19
2 hate crimes” and insert “hate crimes (as described in sec-
3 tion 249 of title 18, United States Code)”.

4 On page 2, line 11, strike “or local” and insert “local,
5 or Tribal”.

6 Beginning on page 2, strike line 12 and all that fol-
7 lows through page 3, line 8 and insert the following:

8 (b) APPLICABLE PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section,
9 the term “applicable period” means the period beginning
10 on the date on which the officer or employee is designated
11 under subsection (a), and ending on the date that is 1
12 year after the date on which the emergency period de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (B) of section 1135(g)(1) of the
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)) ends, ex-
15 cept that the Attorney General may extend such period
16 as appropriate.

17 On page 3, strike lines 9 through 20 and insert the
18 following:

19 **SEC. 4. GUIDANCE.**

20 (a) GUIDANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN-
21 CIES.—The Attorney General shall issue guidance for

1 State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, pursu-
2 ant to this Act and other applicable law, on how to—

3 (1) establish online reporting of hate crimes or
4 incidents, and to have online reporting that is equal-
5 ly effective for people with disabilities as for people
6 without disabilities available in multiple languages as
7 determined by the Attorney General;

8 (2) collect data disaggregated by the protected
9 characteristics described in section 249 of title 18,
10 United States Code; and

11 (3) expand public education campaigns aimed
12 at raising awareness of hate crimes and reaching
13 victims, that are equally effective for people with dis-
14 abilities as for people without disabilities.

15 Beginning on page 3, strike line 25 and all that fol-
16 lows through page 4, line 2 and insert the following:
17 “based organizations, shall issue guidance aimed at rais-
18 ing awareness of hate crimes during the COVID–19 pan-
19 demic.”.