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State Representative Wu, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the Texas House Democratic Caucus, and Senate Democrats join to Condemn Racist Republican Senate Bill

New Republican legislation would bar tens of thousands of “green card” holders and asylum seekers from purchasing property in Texas due to their race

AUSTIN, TX – On Wednesday, January 25, **Representative Gene Wu (D-Houston)**, along with members of the **Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC)**, the **Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC)**, and the **Texas House Democratic Caucus**, will hold a press conference to denounce the racist Republican Senate Bill 147 filed in the legislature.

SB 147 attempts to ban large swaths of asylum seekers and immigrants from China, North Korea, and other countries – including lawful permanent residents (a.k.a. “green card” holders) – from buying property in the State of Texas. There are approximately half a million “green card” holders from China alone living in the United States.

"After an unprecedented rise in anti-Asian hate around the nation, our communities continue to struggle against not only violence within our society, but with political persecution as well," **Rep. Wu said**. "SB 147 is discriminatory, hateful, and brings back painful reminders of laws passed a hundred years ago that specifically prevented Chinese individuals from owning property, starting businesses, or even marrying the person they love."

If passed, in addition to increasing the already-escalating xenophobia toward over one million AAPI Texans, SB 147 would hamper progress made by Texas businesses that have spent decades recruiting investors from around the world to open offices and factories in – and bring countless jobs to – our state and local economies.

As a proud immigrant himself, Rep. Wu remains a committed voice for all immigrants.

WHO

- State Representative Gene Wu
- The Texas Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC)
- The Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC)
- The Texas Democratic Caucus (HDC)
- Members of the Texas Senate

WHAT

Press conference denouncing the racist new Republican bill filed in the Texas Senate, SB 147, which would bar “green card” holders and asylum seekers from purchasing property in Texas due to their race

WHEN

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Immediately Upon Adjournment of the Texas House of Representatives

WHERE

Texas Capitol, Room 2W.6

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