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Dear Law School Community,

The recent wave of violence against Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) is deplorable. I join with those who denounce and stand against these acts – including the members of our Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. I commend to you the important statement they distributed earlier this week.

Often we respond to these appalling acts by telling ourselves "this is not who were are." But as our students pointed out, the history of racism and violence against the AAPI community is deep-seated in American history. It is clear we have much work to do if we are to combat deeply embedded xenophobia and racism.

Sincerely, Dean Perdue