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Dear Members of the Illinois Chinese American community:

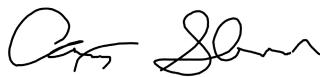
The American Jewish Committee (AJC) expresses our support and solidarity with you during these tense and troubling times. AJC is the leading global Jewish advocacy organization, fighting against hate, antisemitism and extremism, and fighting for the rights and freedoms of all people.

We convey our message to Chinese American and other Asian American communities in our state, at home, and around the world. We are concerned about rising anti-Asian sentiment in this country and abroad. Each of us knows that in such times concern can quickly turn into hysteria. That hysteria can lead to scapegoating.

We commit to ensuring that all Chinese Americans feel safe and supported, and commit to responding to attacks and stereotyping on social media. We know, too well, how dangerous and devastating fearmongering can be. We are aware that many Chinese-owned businesses have been affected by misinformed concerns about the COVID-19 virus. We make this plea to all communities: do not give in to such fears.

There is now a battle between the desire to turn inward for self-protection and the desire to support each other, work together, and cooperate across the globe. We will all be better off if we choose the latter. We cannot succeed alone. We must not. We must all stand together. AJC Chicago stands with you.

In warmth, friendship, and prayer,



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