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**Statement from Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Asian Health Services Grand Opening of Frank Kiang Medical Center
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It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Grand Opening of Asian Health Services' new clinic, the Frank Kiang Medical Center. While I regret not being able to celebrate this momentous occasion with you, I send my best regards and wishes for your continued success. When I attended the Ground Breaking ceremony in January, it was prior to the passage of healthcare reform legislation, and I can proudly say that a lot has progressed since that day. Our healthcare system has been given an overhaul of historic efforts, and Asian Americans and communities of color will have increased access to quality medical care. In this way, we will reduce the serious health disparities that disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minorities, while building a brighter and healthier future for our children.

On a federal level, I was able to secure an appropriations earmark of \$275,000, and in addition to this, Asian Health Services received \$953,745 through the stimulus capital improvement program awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services. Thanks to these awards, we will continue to see the outlasting and positive effects of Asian Health Services providing services to our low-income and immigrant families in the East Bay. As Asian Health Services grows and expands its highly effective model of healthcare delivery, an additional 5,000 patients will be served in the Frank Kiang Medical Center here in East Lake Merritt.

Once again, thank you to everyone here for your support on this momentous Grand Opening. I offer my deepest appreciation to Asian Health Services for the decades of medical service it has provided to hardworking individuals and their families and for its spirit of generosity and service to the community. Thank you.

