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Eun Kyung Ko, Ph.D.
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Dear Professor Ko:

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the publication of the *Korean American Community History for Youth* book. I know how hard you have worked on this significant achievement over the past two years, and am grateful for all you have done to help advance our community's history education.

As the House sponsor of the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act, I had the opportunity to help make Illinois the first state in the nation to require Asian American history be included in public school curriculum. As we know, Asian American history is American history. By including the perspectives and contributions of Asian Americans, all students gain a deeper understanding of our collective experience. Through the implementation of the TEAACH Act, we have and will continue to work to build a more inclusive and comprehensive understanding of American history for all students in Illinois. For the 100,000 Asian American K-12 students in Illinois, my hope is that this legislation will help to ensure they see themselves in our shared history.

As a member of the Asian American Legislative Caucus, I am especially proud of your accomplishment and appreciative of your hardwork and dedication.

If you are ever in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz".

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz
State Representative, 17th District