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Asian Americans in Action Condemns DPOC Northern Vice Chair's Comments on Ho Chi Minh and Calls for His Immediate Resignation or Removal

IRVINE, CA - Asian Americans in Action today condemned a social media post made by Democratic Party of Orange County (DPOC) Northern Vice Chair Jeff LeTourneau that glorified the legacy of Ho Chi Minh.

In a statement, **Asian Americans in Action President, Susan Lew**, said:

"Ho Chi Minh is widely considered to be a war criminal who was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese civilians. Thousands more fled their beloved homeland for the safety of their families.

The fact that Mr. LeTourneau praised Ho Chi Minh's legacy on social media while holding the position of Northern Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County is an egregious insult to the 30,000 Vietnamese American Democrats in Orange County and to the Vietnamese American community at large.

As part of our mission to advocate for the interests of Asian Americans in Orange County, Asian Americans in Action joins the chorus of voices in OC today demanding Mr. LeTourneau's resignation or removal from the Democratic Party of Orange County (DPOC). We also call on the DPOC Executive Committee to unequivocally denounce Mr. LeTourneau's insensitive and hurtful actions and to reaffirm their commitment to supporting Asian American communities in Orange County, the home of the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam, and the third largest Asian American population in the U.S."

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Asian Americans in Action is a non-profit organization that advocates for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) issues and policies, and elevates the voices and stories of AAPI communities in Orange County.