



Student Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

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“A crime against any community is a crime **against us all.**” – Mayor Bottoms

We woke up this morning to an unspeakable tragedy, the shootings of eight people in Atlanta, six of which were Asian American women. This crime against humanity is heartbreaking for the families of the victims first and foremost, but also for the Asian American community, which has been reeling from high levels of racist attacks over the course of the past year. Together, as student leaders of all public higher education institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we stand united against racism, bigotry and racial inequities.

As representatives of the student population of our respective institutions, we pledge to fight the hate against Asian American Pacific Islander communities that has risen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that many institutions are wandering around the issue and they are not specifically addressing it, we ask the U.S. President and his administration to act swiftly and stop this hatred against our valuable populations.

On behalf of the Student Advisory Council,

Jorgo Gushi, Chair