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NFALA CONGRATULATES COMMISSIONER GLENN D. MAGPANTAY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) congratulates Commissioner Glenn D. Magpantay, who was appointed by Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to be a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Glenn D. Magpantay is a long-time civil rights attorney, professor of law and Asian American Studies, and LGBTQ rights activist. He has been active in our community for over 30 years. Today, he is principal at Magpantay & Associates: a nonprofit consulting and legal services firm. In 2021, Glenn D. Magpantay, was awarded the prestigious "George Soros Equality Fellow" from the Open Society Foundations, where he is documenting the history of the LGBTQ Asian American community over the past 25 years.

"NFALA congratulates Commissioner Glenn D. Magpantay on his appointment to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Commission Magpantay is not only the extremely experienced and exceptionally qualified leader that we needed and deserved to be serving on our country's Commission on Civil Rights, we also celebrate him as an innovative leader, who we believe, will positively impact racial justice in the years to come," said Gage Javier, President of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA).

As politicians across the country have already introduced 100+ total bills restricting the LGBTQIA+ community, targeting their freedom of expression, the safety of transgender students, and access to health care for gender dysphoria, we commend Majority Leader Chuck Schumer for his commitment to protecting the LGBTQIA+ and AAPI communities by ensuring that the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will listen to, empathize with, and be fully committed to protecting the LGBTQIA+ and AAPI communities.

NFALA is the national voice for the Filipino American legal profession. It advocates for justice, civil rights, and equal opportunity for the Filipino American community. It cultivates high standards of integrity and professionalism among its members and strives for the advancement and success of Filipino Americans within the profession. NFALA is a family, comprised of members throughout the United States, with the shared goal of increasing its national growth, impact, and visibility while also celebrating its members' cultural heritage.

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