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A statement from our CEO:

Like most Americans, I am horrified at the increase in violence, including the recent shootings in Atlanta, against members of our Asian community. My prayers are with the families and friends of those in Atlanta, and those with family members, many of whom are elderly, many female, who have been beaten and bullied across our country.

Exceed Enterprises was founded over 50 years ago in response to the isolation, shunning and institutionalizing of individuals with intellectual and development disabilities. Today and always, Exceed Enterprises stands with members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, including the people we serve, their families, our staff and volunteers in speaking out against hate speech and violence directed towards any member of our community.

Words have consequences and anyone who stokes fear, hate or separatism has no place in our community. It is not acceptable to denigrate Americans because of their abilities, race or gender. Unfortunately, such language is a part of American history. We must actively call out such speech as unacceptable and demand better from our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Stephen Achilles
Exceed Enterprises | CEO