Mongolian American Community Policy Priority

Immigration Stability, Language Access, and Economic Integration for Mongolian Americans

The Mongolian American community respectfully submits this policy notice to highlight key immigration, language-access, and economic integration challenges affecting Mongolian immigrants and families in the United States. This notice reflects concerns raised through ongoing community engagement conducted by New Neighbor Initiative during AAPI Heritage Month 2026.

Although relatively small in population size, Mongolian Americans continue contributing to American society through lawful employment, entrepreneurship, education, professional service, and civic engagement. Despite these contributions, many community members face growing barriers related to immigration policy, access to public services, language support, and long-term economic integration.

Economic Integration and Small Business Development

Mongolian immigrants contribute to local economies through small business ownership, professional services, skilled labor, and entrepreneurship. However, many community members continue to face barriers to economic mobility due to limited institutional support, language barriers, and lack of access to culturally accessible business resources, especially capital.

Small business owners and internationally trained professionals often encounter difficulties accessing technical assistance, workforce development programs, licensing pathways, mentorship opportunities, and financing resources despite substantial qualifications and professional experience.

The community respectfully requests Congressional support for:

- Expanded access to Small Business Administration programs and workforce development initiatives;
- Increased outreach regarding entrepreneurship and financial literacy resources;
- Greater support for internationally trained professionals seeking workforce integration;
- Targeted inclusion and outreach to Mongolian American communities to improve access to AAPI economic empowerment initiatives and resources due to language, cultural, and institutional barriers.

Language Access and Community Services

Mongolian Americans remain significantly underrepresented in language-access initiatives and public support systems despite growing community needs. Many families continue to face barriers accessing immigration services, healthcare, legal systems, and educational resources due to limited Mongolian-language support and lack of culturally responsive outreach.

Because the Mongolian American community is relatively small, there are very few nonprofit organizations and institutional resources specifically serving Mongolian-speaking populations.

Families often rely on informal interpretation from relatives or community members, creating risks of misunderstanding and reduced access to essential services.

The community respectfully requests Congressional support for:

- Expanded Mongolian-language interpretation and translation services;
- Inclusion of Mongolian-speaking populations in federal language-access initiatives;
- Increased culturally responsive outreach to smaller immigrant communities; and
- Capacity-building support for grassroots immigrant-serving organizations.

Immigration, Family Reunification and Travel

The Mongolian American community respectfully requests Congressional attention regarding recent restrictions affecting Mongolian nationals applying for B1/B2 visitor and business visas, including substantial bond requirements imposed on certain applicants.

Community members remain concerned that these measures disproportionately burden a very small immigrant population without substantial publicly available Mongolia-specific evidence demonstrating elevated compliance concerns. For many families, these policies create significant obstacles for lawful travel, family visits, and temporary business activity in the United States. Bond requirements reaching up to $15,000 create severe financial barriers relative to average income levels in Mongolia.

The Mongolian American community respectfully requests Congressional support for:

- Reevaluation of restrictions affecting Mongolian B1/B2 visa applicants;
- Review of nonimmigrant visa bond requirements affecting Mongolian nationals;
- Greater transparency and evidence-based review regarding nationality-based visa restrictions;
- Provide leadership and support to Mongolian American community to establish the DMV Mongolian American Community Center.

Conclusion

The Mongolian American community respectfully seeks fair, proportionate, and evidence-based policies that recognize both the small size of the community and its positive contributions to American society. Mongolian Americans continue contributing through lawful employment, education, entrepreneurship, and civic participation while navigating growing immigration, language-access, and economic integration challenges.

As Chairwoman of CAPAC, Grace Meng has consistently emphasized inclusive representation for underserved and underrepresented AAPI communities, Mongolian American community respectfully seeks continued dialogue and partnership with CAPAC and Congressional offices to ensure smaller immigrant communities remain included in policy discussions affecting their families and futures in the United States.