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To the Editor,

As an Asian American civil rights organization, we know racial discrimination when we see it. The [opinion piece by John McWhorter](#) about affirmative action misses the mark.

If admissions were test-score based only, [20% of Asian Americans currently enrolled in top-ranked colleges would not be admitted](#). Our community is not a monolith; many of us benefit from race-conscious admissions. Although McWhorter cited a cherry-picked Harvard study as “evidence” of discrimination, the courts – after extensive factfinding – ruled that race-conscious admissions do not discriminate against Asian Americans.

Furthermore, the article failed to acknowledge that over [two-thirds of Asian Americans support affirmative action](#). As such, we are nothing more than a cover story for those seeking to dismantle race-conscious admissions policies that have created superior learning environments for all students, including Asian Americans. We refuse to sit silently while others seek to use our lived experiences for their own political gains.

Sincerely,

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