



## **NO DEAL: Senator McConnell and the President Should Reopen the Government Immediately**

*Asian Americans Advancing Justice rejects President's proposal*

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**Atlanta, Georgia, January 19, 2019 – Asian Americans Advancing Justice, an affiliation of five civil rights organizations, issues the following statement:**

President Trump in December agreed to “own” the ongoing government shutdown. Today, he proposes to end the crisis of his own making by offering temporary protection from deportation for DACA and TPS recipients, two other crises of his own making, in exchange for \$5.7 billion for his Wall and reduced protections for asylum seekers.. His proposal today is unacceptable. We call on members of the House and Senate to reject this offer, and for Senator McConnell and the President to reopen the government immediately.

This President has endangered the future of thousands Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have DACA and TPS. We want a permanent solution for our families and one that does not come at the expense of our brothers and sisters at the border.

Our communities are strong and united, with a majority of Americans in opposition to the construction of a border wall and the expansion of detention camps for mass deportation.

### **About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta**

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees (“Asian Americans”) in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit [www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).