



## **Georgia Advocates Condemn the Trump Administration's Latest Attempt to Disrupt the Outcome of the 2020 Census**

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**Atlanta, GA, August 6, 2020** — Georgia advocates across the state are angered by the latest move by the Trump Administration to limit census participation of black, brown, and immigrant communities. After granting an extension for Census completion in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump Administration recently instructed the United States Census Bureau to complete the 2020 Census activities a month early, by September 30, 2020.

"Black, brown and immigrant communities have been ravaged by COVID-19, violent and racist policing and repeated attempts to attack our voting rights. The last thing any elected official should do in this unprecedented time is seek to disrupt an accurate and full census count of our communities -- thereby sabotaging our state's chance to receive federal resources Georgia families desperately depend on. Congress must protect the 2020 Census by including an extension of the Congressional reporting deadline in the next COVID-19 bill," states Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta.

This past spring, the Trump administration originally announced an extension for residents to complete their census by October 31, 2020. Currently, only 58.7% of the state's population has completed the 2020 Census. Ending operations early puts Georgia at risk for losing millions in federal funding over the next 10 years.

A successful 2020 Census requires following up with those who do not respond on their own. A shorter census timeline will make it impossible to count every household. Door knocking disproportionately covers the historically undercounted communities in Georgia and this move severely limits door-to-door enumeration.

The census is not a partisan issue -- an undercount in Georgia fails the whole state. Make no mistake, as Georgians across the state prepare to vote in the November general election, we are watching very closely the actions of current US Senators to stand up for our communities across the state. Our Senators must act immediately to extend the statutory reporting deadlines for congressional apportionment data and give the Census Bureau the time it has said it needs to complete the count.

We implore all Georgians to call Senators Leoffler and Purdue and demand an extension for the completion of the census in this great time of need. Now more than ever, it is critically important for all Georgians to fill out the census and help other households to do so, in a safe and socially distanced manner.

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Sen. David Perdue. (202) 224-3521. 455 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510. Contact: [www.perdue.senate.gov/connect/email](http://www.perdue.senate.gov/connect/email).

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CAIR Georgia  
Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS)  
Coalition of Latino Leaders-CLILA  
Common Cause Georgia  
Environment Georgia  
Faith in Public Life  
Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)  
Georgia Muslim Voter Project (GAMVP)  
Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda  
Georgia Conservation Voters (GCV)  
Georgia Equality  
Georgia WAND  
Georgia Stand Up  
Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta-Georgia  
KOWIN Atlanta GA -Korean Women International Network  
Laotian American National Alliance  
Latino Community Fund - Georgia  
League of Women Voters of Georgia, Inc.  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
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Refugee Women's Network  
Rep GA Institute, Inc.  
Somali American Community Center  
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network  
Wake Up, Atlanta  
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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).