Congressman Hank Johnson, State Representative Pedro Marin joins Dreamers to Confront Urgent Threat to DACA Program

Atlanta, GA, August 31, 2017 — Congressman Hank Johnson (D, GA-4), FWD.us, the Latin American Association, the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta and State Representative Pedro Marin will join local area Dreamers on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at 12:00PM ET at the Georgia State Capitol for a press conference on the urgent threat to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The press conference will highlight the importance of Dreamers to the social and economic fabric of Georgia and will touch on the legislative priorities surrounding immigration reform.

The DACA program, which celebrated its fifth anniversary on August 15, is facing the imminent threat of repeal, which would result in 800,000 hardworking young people facing immediate deportation from the country where they grew up. Georgia is home to approximately 24,000 DACA recipients, most of whom are either students pursuing their education, or who are gainfully employed as teachers, engineers, architects, and healthcare workers, among multiple other occupations. Eliminating DACA would remove almost 800,000 workers from the U.S. workforce at a cost of $460 billion in national GDP lost over the next decade, and Georgia’s economy would lose an immense $66 million.

SPEAKERS:
Congressman Hank Johnson (D, GA-4)
Georgia State Representative Pedro Marin
Jaime Rangel, DACA Recipient
Charles Kuck, Kuck Immigration Partners
Santiago Marquez, CEO, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
David Schaefer, Director of Advocacy, Latin American Association
Aisha Yaqoob, Policy Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

WHAT:
Press Conference with Congressman Hank Johnson, Georgia State Representative Pedro Marin, Business and Community Leaders, and Dreamers on the Urgent Threat to DACA

WHEN:
Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM ET

WHERE:
Georgia State Capitol (South Wing Rotunda) 206 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.