Atlanta, GA, December 4, 2017 — Today, the Supreme Court allowed Trump’s unconstitutional and discriminatory Muslim Ban 3.0 to take effect while the litigation against the bans moves forward. This reversed two orders from district courts, which largely halted the Ban while it made its way through the courts. Like previous versions of the Muslim Ban, it blocked nationals of many Muslim-majority countries from coming to the U.S. Targeted countries include Syria, Libya, Iran, Yemen, Chad, and Somalia.

In response, Elica Vafaie from Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Zahra Billoo from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), and Karen Tumlin from the National Immigration Law Center released the following statements:

Elica Vafaie, Staff Attorney at Asian Americans Advancing Justice:
“We are disappointed by the Supreme Court’s decision to allow this unlawful, unconstitutional, and discriminatory policy to go forward that divides our nation and assaults our national identity. This ban goes hand in hand with other executive orders and policies the administration has pushed forward that attack immigrant communities and communities of color. We will stand up with all communities of color, immigrants, and refugees.”

Zahra Billoo, CAIR Representative:
“Today’s Supreme Court decision was another critical moment for our identity as a nation. Years from now we will look back on this decision and others striking down the Trump Muslim Bans as huge losses for our fundamental American values and constitutional protections. This happens in a week where immigrants rights advocates are fighting for DACA and leaders across the country are challenging the GOP Tax Bill. We understand these issues to be connected - all of them advance the Trump administration's white supremacist agenda. We will continue to do everything in our power to ensure there is #NoMuslimBanEver.”

Karen Tumlin, legal director of the National Immigration Law Center:
“This decision is a blow to anyone who took a stand against President Trump’s hateful Muslim ban. Mountains of evidence, shown to federal courts time and time again, make clear that this administration had a discriminatory intent behind each iteration of the ban. That’s why we will continue to fight, in the courts and with communities, until there is no Muslim ban ever.”

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.