Advancing Justice Condemns Termination of TPS for Haiti, Calls on Congress to Provide a Solution

Atlanta, GA, November 22, 2017 — The Trump administration announced on Monday, its decision to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Haiti in eighteen months.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice, an affiliation of five Asian American civil rights organizations, released the following statement:

"The decision to terminate the TPS designation for Haiti is yet another in a long line of attacks on immigrant communities. Stripping more than 55,000 Haitians of temporary status and work authorization will result in family separation and hardship and benefits no one.

Congress must act now to provide a permanent solution for these families and all other recipients of TPS past and present, including people from Nepal, Syria, Yemen, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Sudan, South Sudan as well as Haitians. We urge the House of Representatives and Senators to join the bills in Congress to provide relief for people with TPS.

Following tragic events in their home countries, TPS holders have rebuilt their lives in the United States and have become part of our communities. To strip away protection and the ability of people to provide for themselves and their families is cruel and goes against our values as a country. We will continue to fight for our communities to ensure that immigrants and refugees are treated with dignity and respect."

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.