Religious leaders and Immigrant Rights Advocates to host a press conference against anti-immigrant legislation in Georgia

Atlanta, GA, February 28, 2018 — Atlanta, GA - Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta, Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies, and religious leaders will hold a press conference to raise their voice against anti-immigrant legislation that will have a negative impact on AAPI and AMEMSA communities and on the state as a whole. The press conference will be held at the Coverdell Legislative Office Building Room 514 from 11:00AM to 11:30AM.

On Monday, February 26th, the Georgia State Senate passed SB 452, a bill that would require local law enforcement agencies to communicate with ICE if they have arrested an undocumented individual. In addition, under this bill prosecutors and the courts will be able to inquire about the immigration status of the individual, which could factor into sentencing and parole decisions.

The bill will make our communities less safe by deterring individuals from reporting crime or contacting police in fear of harassment and create mistrust of our justice system by mandating cooperation with federal immigration agencies.

The press conference will feature faith leaders, immigration advocates, and community partners who will speak on issues of special concern to immigrant communities. Speakers include (in alphabetical order):

WHO:
Stephanie Jackson Ali, Vice Chair, Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA)

WHEN:
Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. (EST)

RSVP to James Woo at jwoo@advancingjustice-atlanta.org or call 404-585-8446

WHERE:
The Coverdell Legislative Office Building Room 514 18 Capitol Square SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta is the first and only legal advocacy nonprofit dedicated to the civil rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in Georgia and the Southeast. We work in four major program areas: public policy; legal education and support; civic engagement; and defense of rights
FOR Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and other underserved communities. You can read more about us at www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org

The Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies is a coalition of eighteen local refugee and immigrant service organizations. Our mission is: “To engage a broad coalition to highlight the cultural, social and economic contributions of refugees and immigrants in Georgia.”

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.