Atlanta, Georgia, March 26, 2018 — On Tuesday, March 27th 2018, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta (Advancing Justice - Atlanta), Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA), Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO), Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), Council on American Islamic Relations - Georgia (CAIR - GA), Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV), Center for Victims of Torture - Atlanta (CVT - Atlanta), the Georgia-Alabama chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and state legislators will hold a press conference to urge the Georgia House of Representatives to stop the passage of discriminatory Senate Bill 452.

This week, in the remaining two days of the legislative session, SB 452 is likely to be debated and voted on. Over the last few weeks, these groups have been working with legislators to address the issues within the bill and its constitutionality. Still today, the amended SB 452 has a range of issues that these groups oppose.

The bill will make our communities less safe by deterring individuals from reporting a crime or contacting police in fear of harassment and create mistrust of our justice system by mandating cooperation with federal immigration agencies. In its latest version, the bill will exacerbate wealth-based detention in Georgia and prohibit local jurisdictions from being able to decide whether financial conditions are necessary to ensure court appearance and maintain public safety.

WHAT: Press Conference against Senate Bill 452

WHO: Representative Bee Nguyen

Aisha Yaqoob, Policy Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta
Eli Echols, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Georgia-Alabama Chapter

Marissa Dodson, Southern Center for Human Rights
Fatmeh Baidoun, Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Darlene Lynch, Center for Victims of Torture Atlanta
Maria Palacios, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials
Murtaza Khwaja, Council on American Islamic Relations - Georgia

Additional State Representatives as available

WHERE: The Coverdell Legislative Office Building Room 610.

18 Capitol Square SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

WHEN: Tuesday March 27, 2018 at 9 a.m. (EST)

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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.

**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](http://www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org).