Asian Americans Advancing Justice Calls for Permanent Solution to Protect Immigrant Communities

Atlanta, Georgia, April 25, 2018 — Another federal judge has determined that the President’s decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is arbitrary and capricious. The court has given the administration 90 days to issue a more thorough and reasoned memo ending the program or it must begin to accept new applications.

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

“The decision is only a temporary victory that still allows the administration 90 days to present additional grounds for dismantling this essential program for immigrant youth and families. We believe in a just and humane immigration system that protects immigrants and our families and allows them to thrive in the United States. As such, Advancing Justice affiliates have joined amicus briefs in the multiple cases across the country challenging the administration’s efforts to end the DACA program.

While the President should act humanely to allow DACA to resume, we urge Congress to pass a permanent solution for undocumented youth that includes a path to citizenship. A comprehensive, permanent solution would include reinstatement of Temporary Protective Status, support refugee programs, and would not sacrifice family unification.

Though USCIS continues to accept renewal applications, we encourage applicants to seek legal advice before applying.”

Asian Americans Advancing Justice is a national affiliation of five leading organizations advocating for the civil and human rights of Asian Americans and other underserved communities to promote a fair and equitable society for all. The affiliation’s members are: Advancing Justice | AAJC (Washington, DC), Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco), Advancing Justice - Los Angeles, Advancing Justice - Atlanta, and Advancing Justice - Chicago.

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.