Asian Americans Advancing Justice Stands With Impacted Communities As Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments in Muslim Ban Case, Trump v. Hawaii

Atlanta, Georgia, April 25, 2018 — Today, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in Trump v. Hawaii, which is challenging the third version of the Trump Administration’s executive order known as the Muslim Ban. When President Trump first proposed the Muslim Ban as a centerpiece of his administration, people from around the country came together to oppose the racist, Islamophobic executive order. Since that time, the Muslim Ban has faced a series of legal challenges. Ultimately the Muslim Ban was allowed to take full effect while the Supreme Court prepares to make its final ruling.

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

"We are proud to stand in solidarity with communities affected by the Muslim Ban at the #NoMuslimBanEver rally today. Since its first iteration, the Trump Administration’s Muslim Ban has been challenged in the courts and in the streets.

Asian Americans are no strangers to racist and discriminatory policies. Our country has a history of using national origin as a means of scapegoating minority communities, including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the unjust incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. This is a chapter of our shared history that the Trump Administration shamefully perpetuates in supporting the Muslim Ban. We must ensure that we are not repeating the mistakes of our past. That is why Advancing Justice joined the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and children of those who challenged the WWII Japanese American incarceration in filing a Supreme Court amicus brief.

We continue to defend and protect communities around the world who have been affected by this Muslim Ban. We will continue to march with those who stand up to these types of discriminatory policies. We stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters and strongly declare: #NoMuslimBanEver."

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.

The #NoMuslimBanEver campaign is organized by a coalition of national and local civil rights and Muslim advocacy groups who are leading efforts around the country to fight against President Trump’s latest unconstitutional Muslim Ban, as well as other discriminatory immigration policies that criminalize and negatively impact American Muslim communities and immigrants across the country. For more information about the campaign, visit www.nomuslimbanever.com.

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.