Asian Americans Advancing Justice Pledges Continued Support for Affirmative Action Group files brief in Harvard case

Atlanta, Georgia, August 29, 2018 — WHAT: Telephonic press briefing about Asian Americans Advancing Justice’s brief in support of race-conscious admissions at Harvard.

WHEN: Thursday, August 30th at 8:30 am PT/11:30 am ET

WHERE: Call-in 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 245 230 760

WHO:

Nicole Ochi, Supervising Attorney, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Brenda Shum, Director of Educational Opportunities Project, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Student, Harvard University

Winnie Kao, Litigation Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

WHY: Asian Americans are at the heart of the affirmative action debate. Students for Fair Admissions, led by conservative and affirmative action critic Edward Blum, sued Harvard University, claiming that the university is discriminating against Asian Americans in its race-conscious admissions policy. However, many civil rights organizations, including Asian Americans Advancing Justice contests this claim, and absolutely support the school’s race-conscious admissions policy.

Asian Americans are being used as a cover for Blum’s nefarious plan to destroy affirmative action. A majority of Asian Americans support affirmative action and there is no evidence to suggest that affirmative action has negatively impacted Asian American applicants.

Joined by co-counsels and Asian American students, this press briefing will discuss the filing, Asian Americans and affirmative action, and the implications of a “colorblind” future.

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.