DACA Youth Activists Organize Press Conference on DACA In-State Tuition Bill

Atlanta, GA, February 5, 2015 — Youth activists and beneficiaries of President Obama's 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are leading a press conference today at 1:00 PM to share their stories and support for Senate Bill 44. SB 44, sponsored by Senator Nan Orrock (D, SD 36), if passed into law would provide in-state tuition for eligible noncitizens and DACA recipients. The press conference is being held at 1:00 PM in Liberty Plaza, Capitol Avenue Southwest Atlanta, GA 30334, across the street from the Capitol Building.

41,000 Asians in Georgia are estimated to be undocumented, and a significant number of those are young people who have or would benefit from DACA and lowered in-state tuition.

“SB 44 would benefit thousands of young Asian-Americans in the State of Georgia who want to maximize their potential as contributing members to American society by furthering their education,” said Raymond Partolan, Advancing Justice - Atlanta’s Part-Time Outreach Coordinator and DACA recipient. “The time is now to allow these hard-working and dedicated Georgians the same opportunity as their citizen peers, with whom they’ve grown up, to reap the benefits of equalized access to higher education,” said Partolan.

"We support youth-led efforts like the press conference, these young leaders have either experienced or witnessed the pain of not being able to achieve more academically because of financial and legal barriers," said Helen Kim Ho, Advancing Justice - Atlanta's Executive Director. "Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta not only supports the human rights principle of providing equal access to higher education for all, but a youth-center, youth-led movement to make this a reality in Georgia," said Ho.

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.