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National AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table Commit to the Swift Passage of a clean DREAM Act

Washington, D.C. — More than 18 Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) immigrant advocacy, labor, civil rights, community health, service provider, and undocumented youth groups announced today the formation of an organizing collective to push for the swift passage of a clean DREAM Act.

On September 5, 2017, the Trump Administration announced the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, putting 800,000 DACA recipients, including over 30,000 Asian Americans, at risk for deportation. Since then, organizations have come together in the formation of the **National AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table**.

The mission statement of the National AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table reads:

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Immigrant Rights Organizing Table was formed by a coalition of AAPI immigrant advocacy, labor, civil rights, community health, service provider and undocumented youth groups to collaborate and advocate for the swift passage of a clean DREAM Act.

By saying the bill must be “clean,” we mean that the DREAM Act should be passed without the attachment of any other provisions that would further negatively impact our immigration system. We oppose provisions that would enhance enforcement measures such as increasing the number of immigration agents, expanding the grounds of deportability or inadmissibility such as additional criminal bars, persecuting jurisdictions with policies that limit entanglement with ICE, and expanding the number of detention beds; add restrictive changes to our visa system; and further limit immigrants’ access to public benefits.

Together, we seek to mobilize AAPI communities and leverage our collective power to move elected officials and to lift up the voices and leadership of undocumented AAPIs and all AAPI communities in public immigration debates. We plan to meet these goals through collaborative legislative advocacy and direct actions, community organizing, story collection, collective work in traditional and social media and information sharing and strategizing.

The AAPI Immigrant Rights Organizing Table will be convening a 2-day mobilization on November 15-16, 2017 in Washington D.C. For more information, RSVP at bit.ly/aapicleandream or visit aapidream.org.

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