July 23, 2025

To: The Honorable Members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation,
The Honorable Members of the Georgia General Assembly, Local Officials of Cobb County, the Cities of Chamblee, Doraville, and Dunwoody, and the Charlton County Board of Commissioners

Re: Immediate Action Required on ICE Raids and Detention Expansion in Georgia

On behalf of over twenty community, faith-based, labor, and advocacy organizations—collectively representing hundreds of thousands of Georgians—we urge you to act immediately in response to the June 4, 2025 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid at Luxx Nail Lounge in Marietta and to oppose any expansion of ICE detention in our state.

Communities across Georgia are alarmed and deeply disturbed by this raid, in which a dozen individuals—many of them immigrant women—were arrested during the ordinary course of their workday. Far from promoting public safety, such enforcement actions destabilize families, erode trust in government, and injure local economies. Similar raids and arrests—in houses of worship in Tucker, small businesses along Buford Highway, and family homes in Dalton—demonstrate a statewide pattern of intimidation rather than protection.

Our concern is compounded by plans to reopen the D. Ray James Correctional Facility in Charlton County, a move that would make Georgia home to the largest immigration detention complex in the United States. Expanding a system already marred by documented abuses and due-process failures threatens the civil and human rights of countless Georgians.

Accordingly, we respectfully call on you to:

1. **Publicly condemn the ICE raid in Marietta and other immigration arrests in Georgia and nationwide.** Use the sample language below* to share your condemnation on your platforms and stand in visible solidarity with the immigrant communities impacted by these traumatic events.

2. **Work to change state law** to allow local communities to choose to limit their cooperation with ICE.

3. **Oppose the expansion and funding of ICE detention in Georgia**, including the planned reopening of the D. Ray James Correctional Facility in Folkston,

which would make Georgia home to the largest ICE detention complex in the country, in addition to the notorious Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia.

4. **Support protective legislation**, such as HB 889 and HB 470, which restrict ICE access to public facilities and require agents to identify themselves, and **oppose legislation** HB 18 and SB 21, which would further criminalize immigrants and deepen state cooperation with ICE.

5. **Hold town halls, be in community and march alongside** your constituents as they speak up for immigrant justice. Show up (literally) for them!

Sample Public Statement

To build public trust and accountability, we ask you to issue the following public statement with us:

> "I*CE raids do not make our communities safer. They target our local businesses, places of worship, neighbors, and coworkers. These are people who hold our communities together. We condemn these actions and stand in solidarity with those impacted. #GAagainstICE*"

Please feel free to use our digital media toolkit as well for your post.

Georgia's immigrant communities are integral to the cultural, economic, and social life of our state. They deserve to live, work, and worship without fear of detention or deportation. We ask you to meet this moment with moral clarity and decisive action.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We remain available to provide additional information or support.

Respectfully,

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago
Asian American Advocacy Fund
Asian Americans United
Asian Student Alliance

Asian American Voices for Education
AZ AANHPI
AZ AANHPI Advocates
CAIR-Georgia
Chinese Community Federation in Atlanta
Community Change
Filipino Leadership Alumni Network
GALEO Impact Fund
Georgia AAPI Hub
Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR)
Georgia Muslim Voter Project
Georgia Youth Justice Coalition
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
Open Table Community
Poder Latinx
Raksha, Inc.
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network