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Dear friends and supporters,

In times of need, we must stand together as one. Whether through natural disasters, national tragedies, or systemic discrimination, we make it through by being stronger together.

Community support is crucial in these times of weakness. Each year, the Asian Law Alliance strives to provide free legal services to the underserved community. Because of contributions from community members like you, we are able to challenge issues still facing our community – ranging from access to health care, protection from domestic violence, legal remedies for immigration purposes and affordable housing. With your help, we have been able to help over 6,000 clients this past year.

One of our clients, Sheryl, was brought to the US on a visitor visa as a young child. Her dad was fleeing gang violence in their home country of Mexico. Because they were undocumented, Sheryl and her family were unable to have full access to health care and employment opportunities. She came to ALA seeking help in applying for the DACA program. This allowed Sheryl to work and support her family after her dad lost his job. She became a full time student, worked 2 jobs and still found time to volunteer at ALA to give back to her community.

Although the DACA program has indefinitely been rescinded by the Trump administration, we are finding other remedies to help people like Sheryl. Her story was typical of the hundreds of young people assisted through ALA's Immigration Legal Services Program.

The holiday season is a time to give, a time to share and a time to help others who are less fortunate. As ALA continues in our pursuit to provide free legal services, we ask you to consider giving back to those who still need a helping hand. Whether \$10 or \$1,000, your tax-deductible gift will help to ensure that ALA continues to meet the challenges of providing accessible legal services to vulnerable members of our community. As a special gift, we have been truly blessed by a generous donor willing to double all new contributions! For existing donors, a \$250 donation above your yearly average will be matched. For new donors, all donations above \$100 will be fully matched.

We would also like to invite you to join us at our annual *Holiday Open House* on December 1, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. If you are unable to attend but would still like to give back, we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. Even if you decide that a donation is not right at this time, we hope you can join us to celebrate the holidays as one community.

We sincerely appreciate your support and hope that you can stand with us as we fight for equal justice for all.

In solidarity,

Richard Konda
Executive Director

* With the holiday season rapidly approaching; please consider helping the Asian Law Alliance by using www.smile.amazon.com. When selecting a charity, please designate Santa Clara County Asian Law Alliance to help support the Asian Pacific Islander and low-income population in the Santa Clara community.