Dear Friends,

As you undoubtedly already know, a vicious hate crime took place in Atlanta on Tuesday, leaving 8 innocent people dead, including 6 Asian American women. We send our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who tragically lost their lives and we stand with our Asian American brothers and sisters in condemning this horrific act of violence and the spate of recent hate crimes against the Asian American community.

As South Asian Americans, we recognize the recent rise of hate crimes against Asian Americans as an extension of the white supremacist rhetoric that has been escalating over the past several years, and as a continuation of our country’s sordid history of violence and discrimination against Asian Americans. This tragedy was also a sobering reminder for those of us who work at the intersections of gender-based violence and racial justice. Misogyny, racism, and xenophobia are intricately connected and Asian American immigrant women, particularly those who work in the service sector, are deeply vulnerable to hate crimes, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse and exploitation.

All of us in the Asian American community must unite in denouncing these attacks, urging our leaders to be responsive to the needs of those who are most vulnerable, demanding that justice be served, and speaking up honestly and openly about racism, xenophobia, and the brutal exploitation of working-class Asian women in this country.

So many community leaders and organizations have mobilized at this important moment. Here are a few actions you can take:

- **Visit** StopAAPIHate.org to learn more about anti-Asian violence and how to report incidents.
- **Sign** this letter (https://www.napawf.org/stopasianhate) drafted by the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) urging federal government, state, and local community leaders to be more responsive to incidents of AAPI hate and the needs of Asian American women and elders.
- **Donate** to Red Canary Song (www.redcanarysong.net), a grassroots collective of Asian sex workers & allies for migrant justice.

Last, but not least, we understand that this week has been difficult for so many of us. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need someone to talk to. We have a mental health therapist on staff who can provide free or low-cost counseling support.

In solidarity,
All of us at the South Asian Network