Dear friends,

I write to you with a heavy heart. Just weeks after joining with APALSA, SALSA, and CALSA to condemn anti-Asian and anti-AAPI hate, we're faced with a violent attack in our own city. As someone who grew up in Atlanta, I am devastated that our peers are unsafe.

Make no mistake, this is a hate crime. Regardless of the legal outcome, six of the eight victims are women of Asian descent, with at least four being of South Korean descent. This is not a coincidence; anti-Asian sentiments are on the rise, leading to attacks, harassment, blame, and scapegoating. We cannot be a part of that rise, only the solution.

As law students, it is not only our job, but our duty to call out injustice. It is our moral responsibility to stand with our community - to see them, hear them, and acknowledge their pain - and to actively unlearn language that contributes to harm.

For these reasons, SBA remains solidly behind the leadership of APALSA, SALSA, CALSA, and AILS, supporting their calls for an inclusive Emory.

SBA has reached out to set up discussions with CAPS for students. We are also looking to provide racial justice training through the Asian American Toolkit and ask that you be hypervigilant of harassment and other forms of anti-Asian behavior. If witnessed or experienced, please report to the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center, located here.

Finally, the SBA seeks to provide resources. If you experience hate, a resource list is here. If you are looking to engage as an ally to the AAPI community, resources are here.

In solidarity,

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