**Southeast Asian Americans Advancing Immigration Reform**

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| **Southeast Asian Americans at a Glance** |
| *\*This section can be in bullet format. Fill in the blanks. Feel free to edit language, add or remove bullets where appropriate.* The **Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)** is a national civil rights organization that empowers Southeast Asian American (SEAA) communities from Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam to create a socially just and equitable society. SEARAC was founded in 1979 to foster the development of non-profit organizations led by and for SEAAs. For SEARAC, SEAA is a political identity that comes from the shared experience of people who came to this country as refugees and include but are not limited to the following ethnic groups: Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Vietnamese, Iu-Mien, Montagnard, etc. As representatives of the largest refugee community ever resettled in the United States, SEARAC stands together with other refugee communities, communities of color, and social justice movements in pursuit of social equity. Today, almost 3 million Southeast Asian Americans make their homes throughout the US.Over 230 Cambodian and Vietnamese community members were deportation in 2018. For Cambodians, deportations have increased by 200% between 2017 and 2018. Most, if not all, of those detained were lawful permanent residents who came to the United States as refugees in the aftermath of U.S. military intervention in Southeast Asia. They have been increasingly targeted under the Trump Administration’s crackdown on immigrants with criminal convictions, despite having transformed their lives. As such, over 15,000 SEAAs live in limbo, not knowing when they will be deported. |
| **Facts on Southeast Asian American Immigration**  |
| *\*This section should be in bullet format. List at least 2 bullets points.* * STATE) is home to (NUMBER) Southeast Asian Americans.
* In (STATE) Congressional District (NUMBER), there are approximately (NUMBER) Southeast Asian Americans (*Only for representatives with significant # of SEAAs*)*.* Include any other pertinent statistics from your Know Your Legislator (KYL) homework and / Top Districts or States with high pop SEAA fact sheets to fill in any blanks.
* You can pull other data/pertinent facts from the powerpoint presented yesterday, your target analysis homework, numerous publication on SEARAC’s website, or even copy from the advocacy one pager sample template. **No need to reinvent the wheel!**
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| **Recommendations (or change to your preferred title)** |

*\*This section should have 1 or 2 recommendations in bullet format. We encourage everyone to include the one bullet on census and make the ask (or ask your facilitator to make it).*

* Choose from Sample Immigration Asks handout

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