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DEAR ASIAN YOUTH LAUNCHES INTERNAL POLICY DEPARTMENT

June 15, 2023: Dear Asian Youth (DAY) is proud to announce the opening of its 11th department - the Policy Department. The Policy Department is focused on furthering DAY's impact through direct advocacy and support of other leading organizations. After a thorough review of all applicants, the department consists of 28 qualified, passionate team members led by founder and Policy Director, Saoud Moon.

Saoud Moon, Policy Director and Assistant Director of DAY, on founding the Policy Department: "Thank you to the DAY audience for continuing to support our organization. As our team grows, we are focused on making sure our impact matches our growth. Through the Policy Team, the DAY team will fiercely advocate for legislative change that aligns with DAY's values: intersectional activism, solidarity with other marginalized communities, and equality and equity."

The department currently comprises three teams: the regionally specific West and Northeast teams, and the national Federal team. The West team includes the following states: AK, HI, CA, NV, UT, CO, WY, MT, ID, OR, and WA. The Northeast team includes the following states: MD, PA, DE, NJ, NY, CT, RI, MA, VT, NH, and ME. Each team includes 1-2 leads, who manage their assigned associates and researchers. DAY plans on opening more regional teams moving into 2024, and anticipates expanding internationally in 2025.

The DAY team would like to express their gratitude to their international audience, without whom this expansion would not have been possible. DAY will continue to uplift Asian youth into intersectional activism, standing in solidarity with other impact-oriented organizations to generate change.

Learn more about the policy department [here](#). For any questions or inquiries regarding the policy department, please contact saoud@dearasianyouth.org or policy@dearasianyouth.org.