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The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association offers our solidarity and support to all those directly and indirectly affected by the murders that took place in Georgia earlier this week, in which 6 Asian women were killed. We condemn the racism and misogyny that underpin these terrible acts of violence, and we offer our sympathy to the families, friends, and communities of the victims.

We recognize and pledge to speak out and take action against the rise of anti-Asian hatred and discrimination that take place in Canada as well. Since the start of the pandemic, more anti-Asian racist incidents have been reported per capita in Canada than the U.S. (See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/asian-racism-canada-atlanta-shootings-1.5953800>). We also know that anti-Asian racism is not something new to this pandemic and that there are historical precedents to this hate, from the treatment of Chinese labourers in the building of Canadian railways to the internment of Japanese Canadians during WW2.

We also recognize and pledge to speak out and take action against the ongoing objectification, hypersexualization, and marginalization of Asian women's bodies and the exploitation and devaluation of Asian women's care and service work.

Please join us as we stand in grief and solidarity with our Asian community members, and let this spur us to action to confront and end the systems of white supremacy and misogyny that fuel such violence.