



**COALITION OF ADVOCATES CALL FOR TPS ON ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER ON CENTRAL AMERICAN MIGRATION**

*Designations for Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua could protect 1.6 million*

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**WASHINGTON, DC**—On the one year anniversary of President Biden’s [\*Executive Order on Creating a Comprehensive Regional Framework to Address the Causes of Migration, to Manage Migration Throughout North and Central America, and to Provide Safe and Orderly Processing of Asylum Seekers at the United States Border\*](#), the Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition ([TPS-DED AAC](#)) calls on the administration to make use of TPS as a key tool to keep the promises made last year. Humanitarian protections through TPS will be an essential component of the President’s plans for “a multi-pronged approach toward managing migration throughout North and Central America that reflects the Nation’s highest values.”

Specifically, we call on the administration to designate Guatemala for TPS and redesignate the countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua. These designations would extend protection to upwards of [1.6 million](#) people who cannot be returned to dangerous conditions in their home country.

**Mirtha Colon, President of the Central America Black Organization, Hondurans Against AIDS, Casa Yurumein, and Board Chair of Alianza Americas said:**

“Temporary Protected Status is a key component of addressing the root causes of migration in Central America and beyond. Suffering from natural disasters, food insecurity, corruption, and violence, these countries do not have the necessary infrastructure or stability to accept hundreds of thousands of returned nationals from the United States. These four designations would signal a true commitment to alleviating the root causes that force migrants to flee these conditions in the first place.”

**Carlos Lam, Executive Director of the Association of Guatemalans Without Borders said:**

“The administration has both the prerogative and the legal authority to boldly use TPS as it was meant to be utilized—as a life-saving pressure valve that protects our national interests, strengthens the U.S. economy, and gives countries in crisis a better chance at stability. Despite some progress in promoting regional stability in Central America, the Biden administration is falling short of its promises by underutilizing the humanitarian tools at its disposal. It is time to follow through.”

**Harold Rocha, Government Relations Director of the Nicaraguan American Human Rights Alliance said:**

“Hundreds of thousands of Central Americans live, work, pay taxes, and raise families in the United States, and yet they are still vulnerable to deportation back to countries that cannot safely receive them. TPS holders contribute \$2.3 billion in federal taxes and \$1.3 billion in state and local taxes each year, and their employers contribute to Social Security and Medicare funding. TPS not only encourages regional stability, but it keeps families together and marks an investment in our neighbors and communities here in the United States.”

The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.

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