



**AS BIDEN ADMINISTRATION EXTENDS TPS FOR RAMOS COUNTRIES,
ADVOCATES DEMAND TPS REDESIGNATION**

Today's announcement will extend the protections of over 300,000 TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Nepal—but leave out thousands in need of immediate protection

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WASHINGTON, DC—Today, the Biden administration [announced](#) its plans to extend Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, for over 300,000 immigrants in the U.S. from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua. The administration officially announced the reversal of the previous administration's TPS termination for the affected countries, which took effect on June 9, 2023.

The announcement comes less than two weeks prior to the next hearing in *Ramos v. Mayorkas*—a lawsuit brought by six countries' TPS-recipients against former President Trump's attempt to end their TPS designations. As litigation unfolded over the last several years, President Biden sided with the previous administration and fought against the directly-impacted plaintiffs in court. The administration announced that today's actions were in light of the ongoing litigation.

The Biden administration's plans announced today will extend TPS for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua for 18 months—details of which are soon to be published in the Federal Register Notice. **Keshav Bhattarai, a Nepali TPS-holder and one of the plaintiffs representing Nepal in the Ramos lawsuit**, stated, "The TPS extension has again given us temporary relief but we cannot continue our life on a one to two-year increments. We demand that the Biden administration fulfill his promise to the immigrant communities. We are here to stay."

Along with the announcement, the Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas stated that the beneficiaries of the countries "cannot return because of the impacts of environmental disasters," overlooking the plight of individuals from these countries who have been denied redesignation that continue to face similar conditions and remain unable to return. **Sajjan Panday, a TPS-holder from Nepal and plaintiff in the Ramos lawsuit**, said, "I, like other 300,000+ TPS holders, have made this country my home. Our communities have contributed to the economy and worked as essential frontline workers at the height of the pandemic. TPS extension is not enough, we demand that President Biden use his executive power and order TPS redesignation for all Ramos v. Mayorkas countries."

Despite the Biden administration's repeated acknowledgment of the importance of TPS, and subsequent work permit extension for people from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua through June 30, 2024, the administration continued to pursue the *Ramos v. Mayorkas* litigation in court. While advocates welcome today's announcement to extend protections, **they are disturbed by the administration's inconsistent actions related**

to the lifesaving program, and deeply disappointed in their failure to redesignate TPS protections for the four Ramos nations. TPS extension only applies to current TPS holders, whereas redesignation would include individuals from the four nations who arrived after the previous designation’s cut-off date—individuals that face the same life-threatening circumstances as current beneficiaries if forced to return.

Prarthana Gurung, Director of Campaigns and Communications Manager at Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice, stated: “Nepali TPS holders have been living in constant uncertainty as the Biden administration has egregiously delayed offering them the concrete protection they deserve, leaving them hanging by a thread after the racist and xenophobic decision made by former President Trump. We welcome today’s decision as it provides a breath of relief to 14,500 Nepali TPS holders and hundreds of thousands of others from the Ramos countries. While we celebrate today’s announcement, the fear of the upcoming Ramos hearing still lingers. Our communities deserve more than just an extension – we need comprehensive protection. We are committed to keep up the fight, in the courts, in the halls of Congress, and in our communities across the country, until we win permanent protections for all TPS holders and their families.”

Amidst the announcement today, children directly affected by the issue [met](#) with White House officials, urging President Biden to safeguard their families from separation and grant Temporary Protected Status to their relatives in need of redesignation—many of whom have called the United States home for decades. The children later joined advocates gathered outside the White House to demand redesignation for all four countries.

Yanira Arias, National Campaigns Manager at Alianza Americas, stated: “The Biden administration fails to demonstrate the courage to shield mixed status families from the imminent dangers posed by anti-immigrant rhetoric. The promises made by President Biden during his presidential campaign remain unfulfilled. As elections draw near, our communities are closely watching the administration’s actions, or lack thereof, regarding the protection of TPS holders.”

[Adhikaar](#) for Human Rights and Social Justice, [Alianza Americas](#), Communities United for Status and Protection ([CUSP](#)), and the Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition (TPS-DED AAC) call on the Biden administration to take immediate action to secure TPS redesignation for potential beneficiaries from all Ramos countries.

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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