

TPS Talking Points for Congressional Calls

(Sample script)

I am calling to ask you to take immediate action to protect our neighbors and friends who have lived and worked in the United States for years under TPS and DED. This must be a top priority for the 116th Congress to address immediately. All those protected by TPS and DED have been fully vetted by the government. Giving them a pathway to adjust their status and apply for permanent residency makes economic and practical sense. Please act now

Additional talking points:

- Over the past year, the administration has canceled Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) programs for 98% of the people holding those humanitarian protections.
- January 5 marked the expiration of TPS for Nicaraguans. Currently, the program is protected by pending litigation, but that could change at any time. If it does, hundreds of thousands of people with deep roots in this country — our families and our neighbors — will lose their ability to work and become subject to deportation and violence.
- TPS and DED holders have contributed billions of dollars to our tax base over the past two decades and will continue to do so if allowed to remain here. They are the parents of 275, 000 U.S. citizen children who live with the daily fear of losing their parents and their hopes for the future. TPS and DED holders are workers, entrepreneurs, small and large business owners. In addition to their hard work here, many provide the only source of income for their families in their countries of origin.
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