

December 8, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McCarthy, and Leader McConnell:

As you prepare for the final weeks of the 117th Congress, Alianza Americas along with our undersigned grassroots community partner organizations, urge you to take action during the lame duck session to provide permanent protections to people who have been living in the United States with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for at least five years.

TPS holders have put down deep roots in this country. They are parents of U.S citizen children. They are our neighbors, coworkers, friends, fellow parishioners— and they form part of the workforce that keeps cities running. TPS holders play a major role in local economies across the country. Their work in the construction sector has literally saved lives after wildfires, hurricanes, and other severe weather events. From California to Florida, TPS holders have been there to rebuild and to support communities impacted by these crises. It is an economic and moral imperative to act now to provide permanent protection to TPS holders, before the 117 Congress adjourns.

As you take up this important task, we ask you to take care to exclude measures that could negatively impact other immigrants, including asylum seekers. We call on Congress to allocate funds to ensure the right to due process for those seeking protection in the United States. As this year and the 117th Congress come to a close, we trust that you will create a path for permanent residency for TPS holders. We look forward to working with you to achieve this vital policy change. For additional information, please contact me at ochacon@alianzaamericas.org

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
Alianza Américas

On behalf of the following co-signing organizations:

1. Access Living / Cambiando Vidas, IL
2. Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ACIJ), AL
3. Alabama Latino AIDS Coalition, AL
4. Armadillos Ni un Migrante Menos, AZ and CA
5. Arkansas United, AR
6. Asociación de Guatemaltecos Sin Fronteras, MD
7. Casa Mary Johanna, NY
8. Casa Yurumein, NY
9. Center for Immigrant Progress, IL
10. Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles, CA
11. Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF, CA
12. Central American Resource Center of Washington DC
13. Centro Comunitario CEUS, NJ
14. Centro Presente, MA
15. Centro Romero, IL
16. Centro San Bonifacio, IL
17. Central American Black Organization, NY
18. CIELO- Comunidades Indígenas en liderazgo (CIELO), CA
19. Ciudadanía Oregón, OR
20. Colectivo de Mujeres Transnacionales, IL
21. Colectivo de Desarrollo Transnacional de Michoacán, IL
22. Chicago Religious Leadership Network (CRLN), IL
23. Communities Organizing Latinx Power and Action -COPAL Minnesota, MN
24. CRECEN Houston, TX
25. Diáspora Hondureña Internacional, CA, MA, and NJ
26. Dominican Development Center, MA
27. Durango Unido, IL
28. Familias Unidas en Acción, LA
29. Florida Immigrant Coalition, FL
30. Heartland Workers Center, NE
31. Hondurans Against AIDS, NY
32. Houston America For All, TX
33. Illinois Workers Action, IL
34. Miami Workers Center, FL
35. Mundo Maya Foundation, CA
36. Latinas en Poder, DC
37. Latino Commission on AIDS, NC and NY
38. Latino Policy Forum, IL
39. Latinos Progresando, IL
40. Lila LGBTQ, Inc., IL

41. Living Hope Wheelchair Association, TX
42. RCMA - Redlands Christian Migrant Association, FL
43. Red de Pueblos Transnacionales, NY
44. Red Mexicana de Líderes y Organizaciones de Migrantes, CA
45. Rural Women Health Project, FL
46. Salvadoran Association of Los Angeles (ASOSAL), CA
47. Seeds of Resistance, FL
48. Southeast Immigrant Rights Network (SEIRN), NC
49. Telpochcalli Community Education Project, IL
50. United for a Fair Economy, MA
51. WeCount!, FL
52. WIN! The Welcome Immigrant Network, MA
53. Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, NJ
54. Women Working Together U.S.A, FL

Ally organizations

1. CASA, MD
2. Central American Legal Assistance (CALA), NY
3. Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP), CA, DC, NY, MI
4. Family Action Network Movement (FANM), FL
5. Haitian Bridge Alliance, CA
6. Latin America Working Group (LAWG), DC
7. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team, DC
8. Strangers No Longer, MI
9. Temple Beth Shalom, OR