

CONGRESS: PASS THESE LAWS TO PROTECT TPS!

EBSC URGES CONGRESS TO ACT QUICKLY TO PASS LEGISLATION TO ENSURE A PATH TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR HOLDERS OF TPS, DACA, AND DED.

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant wholeheartedly stands behind the [American Dream and Promise Act of 2019](#), the [SECURE Act](#), and the [Dream Act of 2019](#) and other bills that would provide a path to permanent residency for holders of TPS, DACA, and DED.

EBSC urges all lawmakers to support these bills and help to make them into law.

What bills have been proposed in Congress?

[The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 \(H.R. 6\)](#). Introduced March 12, 2019 by Congresswomen Lucille Roybal-Allard, Nydia Velázquez, and Yvette Clarke and passed on June 4, 2019 in a 237-187 vote by the U.S. House of Representatives. This is the most comprehensive bill; it provides protection and a path to permanent residency to qualified DACA, TPS, and DED holders.

[SECURE Act \(S. 2144\)](#) - Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and in Emergency. Introduced March 26, 2019 by Senators Ben Cardin, Dianne Feinstein, Tim Kaine, and Chris Van Hollen. It offers qualified holders of TPS the chance to apply for permanent residency.

[Dream Act of 2019 \(S.874\)](#). Introduced March 26, 2019 by Senators Lindsey Graham and Dick Durbin. Bipartisan bill provides Dreamers with protection from deportation and an opportunity to obtain legal status if they meet certain requirements.

What are TPS, DACA and DED?

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian legal designation granted to immigrants in the U.S. who cannot return to their home countries due to violence, natural disasters, or epidemics. Since the early 1990s, TPS has allowed holders to live and work in the U.S. legally. Many TPS holders have been in the U.S. for decades, working and paying taxes; they are raising over 273,000 U.S. citizen children.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is an immigration option for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States before the age of 16. DACA has provided temporary protection from deportation, work authorization, and the ability to apply for a social security number.

Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) allows certain individuals from designated countries and regions facing political or civic conflict or natural disaster to stay in the U.S.