The TPS Fighting for Our Rights Committee supports community members and advances legislation to protect people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Led by people with TPS and DACA, the Committee was formed in 2018 to support immigrant community members and advocate for a path to permanent residency.

Major accomplishments to date:

- Mobilizing and training hundreds of people with TPS to learn about TPS lawsuits, Congressional bills, and advocacy actions through postcard and social media campaigns, presentations, community forums, legal screenings, rallies, press conferences, op-eds, radio interviews, and newspaper articles.
- Sending a 28-person delegation to Washington, D.C. in February 2019 to strategize with 40 other TPS committees and meet with six Congressional representatives and a 12-person delegation in September 2019 to participate in a Senate briefing in D.C. As a result of these and other organizing activities, there are now three bills in Congress. H.R. 6 (Dream and Promise Act of 2019) was passed in the House; it is the most comprehensive and would provide a path to permanent residency for all eligible holders of TPS, DACA and DED.
- Advocating for the passage of city resolutions in 6 Bay Area cities.
- Organizing a TPS Day of Action in Sacramento in February 2020 to pass state level legislation to support people with TPS.

Next steps:

1. **Continue to mobilize the TPS and DACA communities** and provide information on ways to adjust their immigration status and latest information regarding lawsuits and potential deportation. We plan to develop workshops on contingency planning (such as how to protect their financial assets and minor children, documents they need to have ready and up to date, and other safety planning).

2. **Keep TPS and DACA in the spotlight** through social media, newspapers, magazine articles, and television/radio interviews. Identify spaces to create awareness among US citizens of the hardship that ending these programs will bring to people who are already so integrated into our broader community. We also need to involve our city officials (supervisors, mayor) in these efforts and are currently working to pass city and state resolutions in support of TPS/DACA.

3. **Advocate to create a path to permanent residency by the US Senate.**

4. **Seek additional funding** to see this campaign through to passage of legislation.
Photographs, videos, hashtags, and/or links of our TPS Campaign work:

TPS Campaign Page: https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/tps_postcard_campaign

EBSC Statement on Current Legislation: https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/pass_tps_laws

Educational Overview of TPS: https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/what_is_tps

TPS Delegation Trip Report (Included on following pages)

Op-eds Published

We must protect Temporary Protected Status – Daily Californian, February 8, 2019
Written by Manuel de Paz and Lisa Hoffman, EBSC staff and members of TPS Committee

Berkeley citizens must support new TPS legislation – Daily Californian, April 16, 2019
Written by Aria Fani, EBSC Refugee Rights Advocate and member of TPS Committee

Other Media Coverage

East Bay, Northern California delegates to advocate in DC for continuation of Temporary Protected Status programs, Daily Californian, February 6, 2019


Lives in the Balance – Dreamers and TPS Holders Share Their Stories (PDF Attached)

Rally, May 10, 2019
Dear Friends and Supporters,

EBSC was honored to be part of a 28-person delegation attending The TPS People’s Summit (La Cumbre TPSIANA) in Washington, D.C. from February 10-13, 2019.

More than 450 TPS holders – representing all ten TPS countries and 40 regional committees across the country -- participated in the gathering, which included participatory education workshops, strategy sessions, and youth organizing activities. The Summit culminated in a National Day of Action on February 12th with a demonstration and day of advocacy in Congress.

At the march, thousands of TPS holders and allies marched from the White House to the Trump Hotel, Congress and the Supreme Court. Representatives Ayana Pressley (D-Mass) and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) offered keynote speeches in support of all TPS holders. To read about the march: https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.washingtonpost.com/amphtml/local/hundreds-protest-at-
While the march was happening, 12 people from our delegation met with the offices of five members of the House of Representatives and Senator Kamala Harris to share the stories of TPS families and urge them to pass legislation for permanent residency for all TPS holders and Dreamers. As Sister Maureen shares, “Despite their fragile status, I was inspired by the TPS holders' ability to cast aside their fears, tell their powerful stories before legislators and be that voice of strength and encouragement that says: ‘YES! We will continue dreaming and working together to achieve our goals.’” We were particularly impressed with the many young people in our delegation, ages 5 – 21, who so eloquently shared the stories of their families and how cancelling TPS would have a devastating impact on their lives. As you may know, TPS holders are raising more than 273,000 U.S. born children.
Photo: Outside the office of Senator Kamala Harris with Legislative Counsel, Kelly Richter

Photo: Delegation Dreamers

Photo: Delegation meets with Legislative Assistant Andrew Heineman in Congresswoman Matsui’s office
As we settle back into the Bay Area, our **TPS Committee Fighting for Our Rights** is planning more legislative visits and public education to urge permanent residency for all TPS holders and Dreamers. If you would like to volunteer with these efforts, please email Manuel de Paz: manuel@eastbaysanctuary.org. For more information about our TPS Campaign, see: [https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/](https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/)

Thank you for being part of this fight to protect our community members from deportation and family separation. In the words of Jean Bertrand Aristide, **“Alone, we are weak; together we are strong. All together, We are a Flood.”**

With gratitude for your ongoing support and solidarity,

TPS Delegation Members