

The Urgent Need for Congress to #ProtectTPS



What is TPS (Temporary Protected Status)?

TPS is a *provisional designation granted to immigrants in the U.S. who cannot return to their home countries due to violence, natural disasters, epidemics, or other extraordinary conditions.* Since the early 1990s, TPS has allowed holders to legally work on a temporary basis. Many have been in the country for decades due to multiple extensions. TPS currently does not allow a person to become a permanent resident, naturalize as a U.S. citizen, or receive public benefits.

Facts about TPS

- ▶ The Trump administration has ordered an end to TPS. Lawsuits have blocked those orders, but most TPS holders are facing deportation as soon as **January 4, 2021**.
- ▶ The U.S. would lose **\$45.2 billion in gross domestic product** if all TPS holders were deported.³
- ▶ TPS holders are raising **273,000+ U.S. born children**.

Who Are TPS Holders?

There are approximately 417,000 people with TPS from 10 countries – El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Most TPS holders have lived in the U.S. for more than a decade, many arriving as children. TPS holders are often the main financial support for their extended family.

TAKE ACTION

- **Contact your Senator:** 202-224-3121, or visit <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact>
- Let your senator know that you are a constituent and that **“I support a path to permanent residency for all TPS holders.”**
- **Donate:** <https://ebsc.nationbuilder.com/donate>
- **Volunteer:** manuel@eastbaysanctuary.org or www.eastbaysanctuary.org
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Please urge Congress to pass legislation with a Path to Permanent Residency for TPS and DACA holders!

We are facing an urgent human rights crisis.

*If TPS holders are deported, families who have been in the U.S. for decades will be torn apart. TPS countries are still deeply affected by devastating natural disasters, epidemics, and violence (conditions that are often exacerbated by U.S. policies); they are unstable and not able to reabsorb so many returnees. **If they are deported, TPS holders may be targeted for extortion and violence.***



¹ Briefing, November 28, 2018, Senator Chris Van Hollen and Representative Nydia Velázquez

² National TPS Alliance: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/terminating-tps-affect-quarter-million-u-s-born-children/>

³ ILRC policy report. See also: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/forget-about-the-bad-hombres-trump-targets-americas_us_5967c924e4b06a2c8edb44f6