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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
301 7th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretaries, Blinken and Mayorkas:

The members of the National TPS Alliance, an organization that works to defend and promote the rights of the community of beneficiaries of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program, send cordial greetings.

We request that, in your capacity as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), you extend the TPS registration deadlines through June 30, 2024 for El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan.

As a result of the *Ramos* case, hundreds of thousands of TPS holders who would have been affected by the Trump TPS terminations have had TPS auto-extensions—with no action required on their part—since 2018. The latest auto-extension guarantees TPS through June 30, 2024 for people from all six of these countries.

Despite this, DHS established new deadlines for registration which would require TPS holders to complete re-registration long before June 30, 2024. Many TPS holders do not know that they need to re-register in order to ensure that they maintain TPS beyond June 30, 2024, and will lose their TPS status as a result.

DHS needs to act urgently to extend the registration deadlines for TPS holders affected by the Trump TPS terminations. The failure to do so will result in many thousands of otherwise eligible TPS holders losing the legal status they have relied on for years or decades. Agency action is necessary to avoid significant loss of lawful status by long-time TPS holders.

Also, according to official information published on the USCIS website, El Salvador has 239,000 beneficiaries of the TPS program. The registration period for this group is from July 12, 2023, until September 10, 2023. Being in contact with various non-profit organizations that work in immigration legal services - and specifically the TPS issue - and different consulates from El Salvador, where they are also providing legal support for TPS re-registration, we have identified a low influx of people who have used these services. In our understanding, one of the main causes of this situation could be because, for the last 5 years, the extensions were automatic, due to *Ramos vs. Mayorkas*. This situation has generated a lot of confusion in the TPS beneficiary community of El Salvador. For this reason, it is possible that they have not yet registered, as some people believe that the extension of the TPS Program in this country continues to be automatic as in previous years.

It should be noted that, by not re-registering and staying out of this protection program, many families would be seriously affected. At the same time, many companies have qualified and highly experienced laborers - TPS people - who have been working for many years, benefitting many companies by their work efforts, which also serve to strengthen the economy and development of this country (United States).

Due to the above, we appeal to your understanding of this situation, and we reiterate our request. In addition, we trust that we will have a positive response to our reasonable request. At the same time, we ask that, in the event of a positive response to our request, the due disclosure of this information be made to duly reach the Salvadoran public, a significant beneficiary of TPS. We reiterate our commitment to continue working on the education of our community to inform them about these vitally important processes in our lives.

If you have any questions or further information on this manner please email Lidia Palma, coordinator of the National TPS Alliance at [lpalma@ndlon.org](mailto:lpalma@ndlon.org).

Cordially,

National TPS Alliance



September 20, 2023

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Dear Lidia Palma:

Thank you for your August 30, 2023 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requesting an extension of the re-registration periods for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) extensions of El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan. I am responding on behalf of the Department.

I appreciate the concerns you expressed about your constituents meeting the 60-day registration periods for these extensions of TPS. After reevaluating the 60-day re-registration periods announced for TPS under the designation extensions for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal, DHS has determined that it will provide the full designation extension periods for applicants to file their re-registration Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization to obtain an EAD, if desired. As such, on September 8, 2023, USCIS announced an extension of the re-registration periods for the TPS designation extensions of El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan.

The 18-month re-registration period under the designation of:

- El Salvador now runs through March 9, 2025;
- Haiti now runs through Aug. 3, 2024;
- Honduras now runs through July 5, 2025;
- Nepal now runs through June 24, 2025;
- Nicaragua now runs through July 5, 2025; and
- Sudan now runs through April 19, 2025.

A Federal Register notice with additional details of the re-registration period extensions is forthcoming.

Lidia Palma  
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Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ur M. Jaddou", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ur M. Jaddou  
Director