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June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Los Angeles, CA., USA

Honorable Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas,

I, Cecilia Rodriguez, President of Honduran Alliance Los Angeles, a non-profit organization since 2001, are expressing how the members, in the organization we represent, continuously have been expressing their worries in regards to both the I-765 for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in order to obtain their valid work permits and the Advance Parole requests that have been filled out and mailed out to USCIS.

Secretary Mayorkas, in this letter we are pleading for you to intercede regarding the work permits and Advance Parole documents that have been submitted months ago without a clear response.

Furthermore, the members who applied for their work permits are having difficulty with the Department of Motor Vehicles as well as in the Department of Social Security Benefits.

Secretary Mayorkas, once again we ask that you intercede in these disturbances that continue occurring. I thank you deeply and we hope you can provide us with a response as soon as possible.

Cecilia Rodriguez

President



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
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August 10, 2023

Cecilia Rodriquez  
President  
Honduran Alliance of Los Angeles  
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Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Thank you for your June 12, 2023 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding concerns about processing of Temporary Protected Status (TPS)-based employment authorization documents and travel authorization requests. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is principally responsible for advising the Secretary on TPS issues and implementing the program, and I am responding on behalf of the Department.

As required by the court order staying proceedings in *Bhattarai v. Nielsen*, No. 19-cv-731 (N.D. Cal), USCIS is continuing TPS and extending TPS-related documentation (Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents; Forms I-797, Notice of Action; and Forms I-94, Arrival/Departure Record) for eligible beneficiaries of TPS Honduras. USCIS will continue, through June 30, 2024, TPS and the validity of certain TPS-related documentation, as previously stated, for beneficiaries under the TPS designation for Honduras, provided the affected beneficiaries remain individually eligible for TPS. For additional information, please see the Update on *Bhattarai v. Nielsen* webpage,<sup>1</sup> and the Nov. 2022 *Federal Register* notice (FRN).<sup>2</sup> TPS Honduras beneficiaries who applied for a new EAD but have not yet received it are also covered by this automatic extension, as long as their EAD contains one of the following expiration dates:

- Jan. 5, 2018;
- July 5, 2018;
- Jan. 5, 2020;
- Jan. 4, 2021;
- Oct. 4, 2021; or

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/update-on-bhattarai-v-nielsen>.

<sup>2</sup> *Continuation of Documentation for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status Designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal*, Nov. 16, 2022 (87 FR 68717).

- Dec. 31, 2022.

Additionally, current beneficiaries under the TPS designation for Honduras do not need to pay a fee or file any application, including Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to maintain their TPS benefits through June 30, 2024, if they properly re-registered for TPS during one of the following DHS-announced registration periods:

- May 16 through July 15, 2016;
- Dec. 15, 2017 through Feb. 13, 2018; or
- June 5 through Aug. 6, 2018

On June 21, 2023, DHS published an FRN announcing the rescission of the 2018 termination of the TPS designation of Honduras effective June 9, 2023 and an extension of the TPS designations of Honduras for 18 months, from Jan. 6, 2024 through July 5, 2025.<sup>3</sup> The 60-day re-registration period begins on Nov. 6, 2023 and ends on Jan. 5, 2024. Existing TPS beneficiaries who wish to extend their status must re-register during the 60-day re-registration period for the Honduras designation. We encourage individuals to register for TPS only during the Nov. 6, 2023-Jan. 5, 2024 re-registration period as USCIS cannot adjudicate their application before the effective date of the extension. For additional information, please see the DHS news release.<sup>4</sup>

USCIS understands the concern regarding current Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, processing times and is working to ensure applications are expeditiously adjudicated. To minimize potential processing delays, applicants should ensure that they select the correct benefit request on the Form I-131, include all required evidence, and mail the Form I-131 to the correct filing location as outlined on the Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-131, Application for Travel Document webpage located at [www.uscis.gov/i-131-addresses](http://www.uscis.gov/i-131-addresses).

Those individuals who need to travel immediately but whose Form I-131 is still pending can visit our Emergency Travel USCIS webpage located at <https://www.uscis.gov/greencardprocess/traveldocuments/emergencytravel> for further information, including possible options like requesting expedited processing of the Form I-131 or requesting an Emergency Parole Document in extremely urgent situations.

Lastly, for any concerns related to the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Social Security Administration (SSA), please reference the June 21, 2023 FRN. There is a section titled: “*Note Regarding Federal, State, and Local Government Agencies (Such as Departments of Motor Vehicles)*,” which provides helpful information regarding documentation TPS beneficiaries may show to demonstrate that they are authorized to work based on TPS.

Examples of such documents are:

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<sup>3</sup> See *Reconsideration and Rescission of Termination of the Designation of Honduras for Temporary Protected Status; Extension of the Temporary Protected Status Designation for Honduras*, June 21, 2023 (88 FR 40304).

<sup>4</sup> DHS Rescinds Prior Administration’s Termination of Temporary Protected Status Designations for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua, June 13, 2023, <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-rescinds-prior-administrations-termination-of-temporary-protected-status-designations-for-el>.

- (1) A current EAD;
- (2) A copy of the Notice of Action (Form I-797C), the notice of receipt, for an application to renew a current EAD providing an automatic extension of a currently expired or expiring EAD;
- (3) A copy of the Notice of Action (Form I-797C), the notice of receipt, for an Application for Temporary Protected Status for the re-registration; and
- (4) A copy of the Notice of Action (Form I-797), the notice of approval, for a past or current Application for Temporary Protected Status, if one was received from USCIS.

Additionally, some benefit-granting agencies use the USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program to confirm the current immigration status of applicants for public benefits.

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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ur M. Jaddou  
Director