

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

Thank you for your leadership and service over the past four years in advancing strong protections for immigrants. I am writing today to urge you to continue these efforts by redesignating Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador before the decision date is due on January 10, 2025.

Across the board, TPS has proven crucial in affording migrants the protections they deserve after experiencing the extreme instability and worsening humanitarian crises in places they called home. A majority of TPS holders come from Latin American countries, like El Salvador.¹ For Salvadorans alone, TPS has been a safe haven for over 180,000 people allowing these individuals to not be put in the position of returning to imminent danger.²

Both political and environmental conditions in El Salvador continue to meet criteria for TPS since its original designation in 2001, and individuals from this country deserve to know they will have security, especially ahead of the change of administration this month.³ With this in mind, I am respectfully requesting your response to the following questions:

1. Will the Department of Homeland Security redesignate TPS for recipients from El Salvador? If so, when is this decision expected to be published?
2. Does the Department of Homeland Security expect to extend TPS for recipients from El Salvador for an 18-month period?
3. What additional steps is the Department of Homeland Security taking to protect TPS recipients from El Salvador?

I appreciate your prompt attention to this decision. Thank you again for your continued work to ensure the safety of our immigrant communities.

Sincerely,



Andy Kim
United States Senator

¹ Roy, Diana, and Claire Klobucista. "What Is Temporary Protected Status?" *Council on Foreign Relations*, Council on Foreign Relations, 21 Sept. 2023, www.cfr.org/backgrounders/what-temporary-protected-status.

² "Fact Sheet: Temporary Protected Status (TPS)." National Immigration Forum, 15 Aug. 2024, <https://immigrationforum.org/article/fact-sheet-temporary-protected-status/>.

³ "The Federal Register." *Federal Register* :: Request Access, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 21 June 2023, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/21/2023-13018/reconsideration-and-rescission-of-termination-of-the-designation-of-el-salvador-for-temporary>.