



**COALITION OF OVER 100 ORGANIZATIONS COMMENDS DESIGNATION OF
TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR AFGHANISTAN**

TPS is a critical safety net for Afghan evacuees

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WASHINGTON, DC—Today, the Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition ([TPS-DED AAC](#)) commends the Biden administration for its decision to designate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Afghanistan. TPS provides protection from deportation and permission to work for eligible nationals of countries that have been designated temporarily too dangerous for return. Many Afghans in the United States face an uncertain journey to permanent status, and TPS will serve as essential blanket protection for anyone that may fall through the cracks. Today's designation comes after continuous advocacy and education—over 100 organizations [signed on](#) in support of this designation last year.

The Biden administration has made the just and fact-based decision to extend protection to Afghan nationals living in the United States. The United States must keep its promises to the Afghan people and utilize every tool available to extend protection to Afghans in the United States who cannot be returned to life-threatening conditions.

Joseph Azam, Board Member of the Afghan American Foundation (AAF) stated: "We commend the Biden administration for its designation of Temporary Protected Status for Afghans in the United States. This is critical progress toward meeting America's promise to these Afghans. However, it is only the first step. President Biden must now use his bully pulpit to highlight the urgent need for Congress to act on permanent and comprehensive protection for America's Afghan allies and friends through the passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act. The administration must also continue to focus on the evacuation and resettlement of at-risk Afghans."

Homaira Hosseini, Board Member of Afghan-American Community Organization (AACO) stated: "We commend the Biden administration for the life-saving protection that TPS will provide for Afghans in the United States. It is critically needed. But as we breathe a sigh of relief today, we urge the administration to follow this designation with a more comprehensive response, including joining the impacted community in calling on Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. While TPS is essential, we must see permanent protection for Afghans forced to flee conflict and humanitarian disaster and a well-resourced, prioritized response to provide aid and safety to those still in Afghanistan."

Lisa Parisio, Advocacy Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) stated: "TPS is critically needed for Afghanistan. As we commend the Biden administration for this decision, we also urge a comprehensive response to the crisis in Afghanistan, including passing the Afghan Adjustment Act and responding to other humanitarian and protection needs in line with the priorities of impacted people. In addition to safeguarding Afghans in the United States, TPS sends an important message to the world that

granting humanitarian protection to vulnerable people is the correct, moral, and humane response to conflict and disaster. The administration can and should use this readily-available tool more broadly, for all people in the U.S. in need of protection, including immediate TPS designations for Ethiopia, Cameroon, and Mauritania.”

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The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.