



**COALITION OF +100 ORGANIZATIONS COMMENDS BIDEN ADMINISTRATION
DECISION TO PROTECT 40K NONCITIZEN CAMEROONIANS IN THE UNITED
STATES THROUGH TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**

TPS provides work permits and deportation from deportation

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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 Cameroon for 18 months. TPS will provide an urgently needed measure of stability and security for an estimated 40,000 people from the deadly conflicts in Cameroon. We urge the administration to follow this announcement with swift implementation of TPS and immediate cessation of deportations to Cameroon to ensure protection. Cameroonians recently deported from the United States have suffered persecution and other serious [human rights violations](#) post-return, putting the United States in direct conflict with domestic and international law for the treatment of those at risk of harm. Today’s designation brings essential protection from such return.

Daniel Tse, Asylum Task-Force and Black Immigrants Bail Fund Coordinator at Haitian Bridge Alliance and Founder of the Cameroon Advocacy Network, said: “As we celebrate this victory, we reflect and pray for the thousands of lives affected by the horrible conditions in Cameroon. We pray for those who were deported back to these dangerous conditions due to the delay of this protection, and we hope that the administration continues to take these momentous steps to help dismantle the anti-Black sentiment within the immigration system. Today we will celebrate with our Cameroonian community as they can no longer live in limbo.”

Lisa Parisio, Director of Advocacy at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., said: “This life-saving victory was secured by countless hours of work and the extraordinary leadership of Black immigrants, including those at [Haitian Bridge Alliance](#) and the [Cameroon Advocacy Network](#). While we celebrate, we also pray for and think about the Cameroonians who were [deported](#) to danger when TPS should have been in place. Slow-walked TPS designations are deadly and fly in the face of the Congressional intent and the values of safe haven that underpin the law. [Equitable policy and practice](#) require that TPS be used broadly, boldly, and immediately to respond to humanitarian crises for all countries in need.”

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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.