

COALITION APPLAUDS THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO EXTEND AND REDESIGNATE TPS FOR BURMA

The extension and redesignation stand to extend life-saving protection to Burmese people in the United States.

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Washington, DC—The Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition (TPS-DED AAC), welcomes DHS Secretary Mayorkas' <u>decision</u> to extend and redesignate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Burma. This designation comes after continued advocacy by over 100 organizations that wrote to the administration this month, urging them to provide protections for Burmese people in the U.S.

The decision comes as the military coup continues in Burma. Burma has been experiencing deteriorating situations with more than <u>17.6 million people</u> in need of dire humanitarian assistance and <u>25 million people</u> living in poverty. Burma also faces challenges in the provision of food, access to health care, and economic stability.

TPS offers life-saving protection and humanitarian relief to non-citizens in the U.S. who are unable to safely return to their home country due to certain conditions in that country that make it unsafe for their return. This extension and redesignation will allow the current beneficiaries to retain TPS and new applicants to avail TPS through November 25, 2025. This move by the administration is an important victory for Burmese immigrants and the TPS-DED-AAC strongly urges the administration to continue to use TPS broadly and boldly to provide essential humanitarian protections for individuals who cannot return to their home countries.

"We are pleased with the Administration's decision to provide an 18-month TPS extension, redesignation, and SSR for Myanmar. With conditions so dire in Myanmar, this announcement brings enormous relief," said **USCRI President and CEO**, **Eskinder Negash**. "At a time when politics are often prioritized over humanitarian relief, it is commendable to see the Administration uphold its <u>commitments</u> to the people of Myanmar and prioritize protection."

"We are thankful that the administration has issued a TPS extension and redesignation for Burma," stated **Martin Kim, Director of Immigration Advocacy, Asian Americans Advancing Justice** | **AAJC**. "The conditions in Burma clearly make safe return impossible, with civilians—including those who are part of vulnerable communities such as the Rohingya—subject to violence and death at the hands of the military. For now, we are grateful that the many Burmese citizens residing in the United States can continue to live out their lives freely in America without the fear of deportation."

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The <u>TPS-DED AAC</u> 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.