



Encouraged by President Biden’s TPS Extension for Ramos Countries, Advocates Highlight Need for Redesignation

While Recent Extension of the Re-registration Period for Ramos Countries is Laudable, Redesignation Would Bring Safety and Shelter for Thousands

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Washington, DC—As the Biden Administration earns praise for extending the re-registration deadline for people from countries involved in the Ramos litigation, which include El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal and Nicaragua, the TPS-DED Administrative Advocacy Coalition (TPS-DED AAC) highlights the urgent need for a full redesignation.

“We applaud the administration’s extension of re-registration for the Ramos countries,” said Yanira Arias, Director of Campaigns for Alianza Americas. “But if we are to live up to our values of safety, shelter, and giving people a chance to thrive, the Administration needs to go further and redesignate TPS for these countries. Redesignation is critical to ensure that safety and well-being is extended to more people who need it in our communities to shield themselves from the threats of climate change, gang violence, and instability. Without redesignation, too many in our immigrant communities would be left completely vulnerable to devastating challenges.”

A coalition of 400 organizations recently wrote to the Biden administration making the demand for redesignation. On Friday, grassroots groups demonstrated in front of the White House making the call for Central America and Nepal.

Under previous guidance, if TPS holders impacted by litigation did not re-register within a 60-day period, they would fall out of status. Following the leadership of advocates, who requested an extension, the Department of Homeland Security issued an 18-month extension to re-register. This gives TPS holders a bigger window to apply and maintain status, protecting an estimated 400,000 individuals. Still, in the absence of redesignation for the countries impacted by the Ramos litigation, many thousands more are in need of the full protection of TPS.

“Lacking a TPS redesignation, thousands of immigrants from the countries in question remain deprived from the full protection and safety they deserve,” said Ramya Reddy, Coordinator of the TPS-DED AAC. “It’s crucial that President Biden take the extra step and fulfill the promise of shelter for these communities.”

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.

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