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October 20, 2017

Honorable Edward Markey
957 JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

RE: Request to urge Secretary of Homeland Security to extend Temporary Protection Status for people from El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua

Dear Senator Edward Markey,

On behalf of Agencia ALPHA, a faith-based organization and its constituents, we want to first thank you for your leadership in defending immigrants' rights. As you very well know, now more than ever our immigrant communities are living in constant fear. Particularly, our brothers and sisters from El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua whose lives are in limbo while waiting to learn about the fate of the Temporary Protection Status Program.

The United States government will soon decide the fate of more than 300,000 TPS holders originally from these three Central American countries. A region still "afflicted by unparalleled levels of violence and insecurity" as described by the Washington Office on Latin America – a human rights advocacy institution.

To allow TPS for these Central American countries to expire means sending back law-abiding and hardworking families to a region plagued with organized crime, unparalleled rates of violence and atrocities against human life. Dozens of studies confirmed that the majority of these individuals have been members of the American fabric for over two decades. They have deep roots in this country. They have married, raised families, opened up businesses and/or places of worship - creating thousands of job opportunities while injecting billions of dollars into our economy.

Rejecting their spiritual, cultural and economic contributions by eliminating their TPS and forcing them to return to a dangerous place is simply immoral. These are not the values we hold in our hearts as Americans.

For these reasons we respectfully ask you to please use your congressional leadership by urging the Secretary of Homeland Security to consider extending the Temporary Protection Status for individuals from El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. This action allows more than 300,000 people to work legally, continue to contribute to our economy, and more importantly live peacefully without fear of being deported. We urge you to please send a strong message reaffirming that immigrants do make America strong. Thank you.

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