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**Community members deliver over 700 signed petitions to Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey asking them to urge the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) Program for people from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.**

**Boston, MA.** A few days away from a major announcement concerning the future of the Temporary Protection Status Program (TPS) for people from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, Agencia ALPHA and a delegation of community members personally delivers over 700 signed petitions urging senators Warren and Markey to continue fighting in favor of extending the TPS Program.

The United States government will soon decide the fate of roughly 300,000 TPS holders originally from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, a region still "afflicted by unparalleled levels of violence and insecurity" as described by the Washington Office on Latin America, an institution advocating for human rights.

Many studies show that most of these individuals have been responsible members of society for over two decades. They have deep roots in this country. They have married, raised families, opened businesses, and places of worship - creating thousands of job opportunities while injecting billions of dollars into our economy.

"We are grateful to both senators for their leadership in defending immigrants' rights. But, we cannot lose sight that if TPS is not extended for our Central American members, thousands of law-abiding and hardworking families (and children) will be forced to return to a region plagued with organized crime, unparalleled rates of violence and atrocities against human life" stated Patricia Sobalvarro, Executive Director.

"Eliminating their Temporary Protection Status and forcing them to return to a dangerous place is more than just rejecting immigrants' spiritual, cultural and economic contributions. This is mean-spirited and immoral," added Damaris Velasquez, Director of Programs at Agencia Alpha.

While delivering the hundreds of signed petitions, Agencia Alpha and the delegation strongly urges their U.S. senators to take a bold stand, fight with all they have, and do whatever is in their power to help extend the Temporary Protection Status Program for individuals from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.