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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise Majority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20215 The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Katherine Clark Minority Whip U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Jeffries, Leader Scalise, and Whip Clark,

We write to call urgent attention to the recent and alarming rollbacks of immigration protections, particularly the systematic dismantling of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and parole programs, and to urge your support for permanent, legislative solutions that give immigrants a permanent pathway to stability and citizenship.

In its first six months, the administration has launched a concerted campaign to terminate TPS for thousands of longstanding residents—Afghans, Cameroonians, Haitians, Nepalis, Hondurans, Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, and others. These designations were granted to safeguard individuals from conditions such as armed conflicts, civil unrest that leads to violence, and environmental disasters. Abruptly revoking these protections ignores both the humanitarian grounds that established TPS and parole and the deep roots TPS holders and parolees have established in our communities

It is essential to recognize that this moment represents more than the brutal targeting of undocumented immigrants, but a deliberate campaign aimed at eroding *all* temporary immigration protections. The Trump administration is systematically carrying out an unprecedented effort to strip immigrants of legal protections—all to increase the universe of undocumented immigrants it can deport as part of Trump's mass deportation agenda. The termination of these humanitarian guardrails strips any semblance of hope from vulnerable communities that rely on TPS, DED, and parole to stay lawfully in the United States and continue contributing to our economy and society at large.

Executive orders and court interventions can grant temporary reprieves, but only Congress can enshrine protections into law. The bipartisan *American Dream and Promise Act of 2025* (H.R. 1589) offers a comprehensive legislative pathway toward permanent status for Dreamers, TPS recipients, and DED holders. It has been cosponsored by 210 Members of the House of

Representatives and is supported by more than 100 advocacy organizations from across the country.

- **Title I** provides conditional residence for eligible Dreamers and a clear track to full lawful permanent residency and citizenship.
- **Title II** allows eligible TPS and DED holders (who have been continuously present and were beneficiaries of TPS or DED for at least three years) to apply directly for lawful permanent residency, and includes work and travel authorization during the process.

This bill safeguards families, supports U.S. economic stability, and affirms our nation's values. We are witnessing more than policy shifts; we are witnessing a fundamental redefinition of the American Dream and our country's commitment to immigrant communities. The ongoing terminations of temporary but critical protections send a chilling message: no one is safe. Not those who currently have legal protections like TPS, nor naturalized or U.S.-born citizens. This destabilization threatens not only individuals and families, but entire industries that depend on these workers, including health care, education, construction, and agriculture.

We encourage you to:

- 1. Co-sponsor H.R. 1589, the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act.
- 2. Advocate for immediate consideration in Committee and on the floor.
- 3. Oppose any amendments that weaken its protections or delay its implementation.

By advancing this legislation, you affirm that America stands with those who seek not only temporary refuge, but permanent recognition as full members of our society. We look forward to working with you to transform this moment of crisis into a moment of legislative triumph. Please reach Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia's office for further information or to discuss opportunities to build broader support.

In solidarity and service,

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