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To US Citizen Friends of the National TPS Alliance:

My name is Julio Perez. I am originally from El Salvador and a Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipient. There are now 400,000 TPS holders in the US now. We come from 13 countries and our families include 300,000 US born American children. After more than 20 years, in Republican and Democratic administrations, our legal TPS status was canceled by president Trump in 2017. During all these years TPS holders have never had a legal path to permanent residency. Every year we have worked, paid taxes and had to pay hundreds of dollars to renew our TPS status.

We have organized a National TPS Alliance and have been working nation-wide in a campaign over the last two years for permanent residency for TPS holders. A solution is still far away.

Our legal status is protected by the federal court system only until January 2, 2020.

So far our campaign has won approval of a bill by the US House of Representatives (House Bill HR 6), which provides a path to permanent residency for TPS holders.

The second step in the process is the US Senate. Here is where you come in, as citizens of the US and voters. We need you to write letters to your US Senators asking them to approve HR 6 -- to provide a path to permanent residency for all TPS holders. We ask that you send copies of these letters to Senator Lindsay Graham (R-South Carolina) and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky).

Also, most importantly, we ask that you contact people you know in South Carolina, Kentucky and other States with Republican Senators and ask THEM to write to their US Senators to support HR 6 or the equivalent in the US Senate -- to provide a path to permanent residency for all TPS holders. The Senators need to **hear from their own constituents** that we need to provide a solution to the TPS crisis, and provide a path to permanent residency for the hundreds of thousands of TPS holders, most of whom have been in the US for decades.

For more information, in Massachusetts, go to www.MassTPS.com