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**CARECEN SF CONDEMNS DHS TERMINATION OF TPS FOR
SALVADORAN COMMUNITY**

San Francisco, JANUARY 8, 2018—The Department of Homeland Security’s decision to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 195,000 Salvadorans is consistent with its racist and anti-immigrant agenda and is a continuation of the political violence and psychological torture against the immigrant community.

TPS beneficiaries not only contribute their hard labor, cultural and social assets to this nation, but they have raised families, started businesses and participate in all sectors of our national economy.

An estimated 273,000 US citizens have a parent protected by TPS. Separating families and sending long-time residents—fully vetted immigrants who have followed the rules—back to unstable nations that offer nothing but dangerous conditions goes against our values as a nation.

TPS was originally granted to Salvadorans in March of 2001 following a devastating earthquake that hit the country. TPS holders are integral members of our cities, states and nation. They are an important part of our country’s healthcare, construction, and childcare workforces. It would cost US employers nearly \$1B to replace these workers and retrain new ones — and it would cost US taxpayers \$3B to deport them.

Reports suggest that DHS leadership is being strong-armed by this Administration’s cabinet to put politics over policy in deciding the fate of more than 325,000 individuals and their families. The Central American Resource Center –CARECEN San Francisco, joins local and national partners, including Alianza Americas (www.alianzaamericas.org) and the Bay Area Committee to Save TPS/Comité del Área de la Bahía *Salvemos el TPS*, in calling on Congress and the U.S. Senate to legislate a permanent solution for all TPS beneficiaries.

CARECEN SF will continue to keep our doors open, and call on our community to seek immigration legal counsel and to get screened for possible alternative immigration options.

Our drop-in immigration legal consultations are Monday-Friday from 9am-noon. We receive people in order of arrival.

CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant and low-income families in the San Francisco Bay Area –Building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice.

Our Social Service Programs include:

- Immigration Legal Program
- Second Chance Youth Program and Laser Tattoo Removal Clinic
- Family Wellness Program
- Health Promotions Program

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