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CARECEN SF DENOUNCES THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT'S DECISION TO ALLOW THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO TERMINATE TPS

San Francisco, September 14, 2020 – CARECEN SF condemns the decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to allow the Trump Administration to terminate Temporary Protected Status, also known as TPS, for citizens of Sudan, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Haiti who are living in the United States. This ruling ignores the Trump administration's clear racial animus in its decision-making, and may have a devastating impact on the more than 300,000 migrants and their families currently protected under the TPS program.

Laura Sanchez, Director of Immigration Legal Services at CARECEN SF added the following; "We are incredibly disappointed that the 9th Circuit Court sided with a president who has a clear agenda of dismantling our immigration system. We urge all U.S. citizens to vote for justice for immigrants in November's election."

This fight is not over

The ruling may be appealed to the full appellate court or to the U.S. Supreme Court and any final decision will not be implemented for at least 120 days. This is indeed a major setback for justice for the TPS community, the ultimate outcome will be decided by the November election.

CARECEN SF calls on the TPS community to maintain calm and learn more about your rights as well as to get involved in advocating efforts by trusted community organizations who will be leading efforts to fight this decision and find a path towards permanent residency for all TPS beneficiaries. TPS beneficiaries can still get driver licenses and work authorizations are still valid. To our U.S. citizen allies, we call on you to help us turn out the vote in November and get this president and his racist tactics out of the White House.

The positive contributions TPS beneficiaries bring to this country in the form of billions of dollars in taxes each year as well as the 130,000 TPS beneficiaries are considered essential

workers and have been risking their own lives for the benefit of the U.S. population during the pandemic have completely been dismissed by this administration. Many TPS beneficiaries have started their own businesses, employ thousands of people and create thriving economies where they also bring important cultural contributions and diversity to the communities they live in.

If Congress does not act, TPS beneficiaries will be facing deportation to countries they no longer belong to since many of them have been living in the U.S. for over 20 years. They face family separation, unemployment, and even deadly violence. These law-abiding members of our society do not deserve to be ripped from their families and face an uncertain future.

CARECEN SF reaffirms its commitment to defend the rights of all immigrants and will continue to work hard and advocate for the passage of legislation to protect the rights of migrants with initiatives such as the American Dream and Promise Act [HR6](#) and the [Secure Act](#), which offer the possibility to TPS beneficiaries to apply for permanent residence in the U.S. CARECEN SF also calls on the presidents of El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua to speak in defense of TPS beneficiaries, as well as on the impact of not receiving the yearly remittances and the deportation of these nationals.

CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, immigrant, and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice. Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving; where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life.

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