December 3, 2018

United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

We, the 118 undersigned national, state, and local organizations, respectfully request that Congress support an investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Office of the Inspector General (IG) into the administration’s various regulatory irregularities and problematic conduct regarding Temporary Protected Status (TPS) decisions. As you know, DHS terminated TPS for over 300,000 people (cumulatively 98% of TPS holders), representing an unprecedented level of terminations never before seen in the history of TPS. Before, during, and subsequent to these terminations, DHS and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), engaged in questionable and potentially unlawful conduct.

An investigation conducted by the DHS IG is critical in order to provide a necessary level of accountability into allegations of mismanagement and violations of existing policy, regulation, and statutes regarding administration of TPS. These irregularities and deficiencies include:

- The Secretary of DHS’s failure to re-designate Syria, Somalia, and Yemen for TPS, resulting in thousands of individuals ineligible to apply for TPS despite home country conditions still warranting TPS;3
- Upwards of 30,000 Haitian, El Salvadoran, and Syrian nationals suffering unreasonable delays by USCIS in adjudication of their re-registration applications for TPS;4
- USCIS’ reversal of long standing policy of utilizing Federal Register Notices (FRN) to extend employment authorization and instead employing the costly mailing of tens of thousands of physical notices;
- Historic delays in the publication of FRN following TPS decisions, contravening Congress’s requirement that DHS publish a decision at least 60 days before the end of a TPS designation;
- Publication errors, leading to the unintended expiration of work authorization for TPS recipients; and
- Any other issues that members of Congress or the DHS IG deems appropriate to investigate.

We ask that you support efforts to request an investigation by the DHS IG to facilitate the issuance of recommendations and appropriate disciplinary action; and comprehensive policy, guidance and training to prevent similar unlawful or wasteful conduct from reoccurring in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Jose Magaña-Salgado at jose@masadc.com.

3 GAO has already agreed to conduct a review regarding the government’s failure to re-designate Syria. Letter From Orice Williams Brown, Managing Director, Congressional Relations, Government Accountability Office to Congressional Requestors (Oct. 4, 2018) (on file with author).
5 Id.
Sincerely,

**National Organizations**
Alianza Americas
American Civil Liberties Union
American Friends Service Committee
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
Anti-Defamation League
AsylumConnect
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Popular Democracy
Church World Service
Community Change
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Faith in Public Life
Families Belong Together
Franciscan Action Network
Freedom for Immigrants
Hispanic Federation
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Latin America Working Group
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
MALDEF
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
NAACP
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Partnership for New Americans
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
People's Action
Salvadoran American National Network (SANN)
San Francisco LCLAA
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration
The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
United for a Fair Economy
United We Dream
State and Local Organizations
AB540 Ally Training Project
Adhikaar
African Advocacy Network
Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice
American Civic Association
Americans for Immigrant Justice
Arkansas United
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Inc. (AMEXCAN)
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.
CASA
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh
Causa Oregon
Central American Resource Center
Centro Latino Cuscatlan
Centro Romero
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador
Church Women United in New York State
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Colorado People’s Alliance
Comunidades Unidas / Communities United
CRECEN
Dominican Development Center, Inc.
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
El Centro de Igualdad y Derechos
El Vínculo Hispano/The Hispanic Liaison
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Friends of Broward Detainees
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Guatemala Solidarity Boston
Houston’s Americas For All
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Jesuit Social Research Institute/Loyola University New Orleans
Junta for Progressive Action
Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
Latin American Coalition
Legal Aid Justice Center
Maine People’s Alliance
Make the Road NY
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Michigan United
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
Mission Graduates
Mississippi Center for Justice
Nebraska Appleseed
New Hampshire Alliance for Immigrant Rights
North Carolina Justice Center
Oakland Catholic Worker
Ohio Immigrant Alliance
OneAmerica
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
Progressive Leadership Alliance Of Nevada
Promise Arizona
Reedley Social Services
Rio Grande Valley Equal Voice Network
Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)
Somos Un Pueblo Unido
Sunflower Community Action
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
Texas Organizing Project
The New York Immigration Coalition
Voces de la Frontera
Wallingford Indivisible
Wilco Justice Alliance (Williamson County, TX)
Workers Defense Project