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The Honorable Elaine C. Duke
Secretary of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear DHS Secretary and President Trump

We are calling upon you to renew the Temporary Protected Status Program. As an employer to whom this workforce is critical and as citizens of a country made greater through our diversity please consider the following.

TPS recipients have been living and working in the United States legally for years--they are our classmates, colleagues, and neighbors. Many of them have U.S. citizen children, contribute to the U.S. labor market and economy, and send money to impoverished communities back in their countries of origin.

- Ending TPS for Haiti, El Salvador, & Honduras would be very expensive. It would lead to a \$45B reduction in GDP, a \$6.9B tax loss, and nearly \$1 billion in employer costs.

- Deporting Haitian, Salvadoran, & Honduran TPS holders would cost taxpayers over \$3 Billion. • Drivers of forced migration for TPS holders include violence, insecurity, pandemics, poverty and lack of opportunities.

- Current TPS holders came to this country for many different reasons, and the current conditions in countries of origin are complex. Anyone who is deported could face problems even more serious than those that forced them to migrate in the first place.

- Recently, the Department of Homeland Security has intensified its efforts to criminalize immigrants by actively working towards the elimination of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals. • Deporting TPS recipients would separate families, many of whom are U.S. citizen spouses, children and grandchildren.

- TPS holders deserve a pathway to permanent residency visas, but this is not an easy prospect. The TPS provision in the INA states that a bill or amendment that provides for the adjustment to lawful temporary or legal permanent resident (LPR) status for any migrant receiving TPS requires a supermajority vote in the Senate (i.e., three-fifths of all Senators) voting affirmatively.

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**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

November 16, 2017

Mr. David Boer
104 R NC Hwy 4 West #333
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Dear Mr. Boer:

Thank you for your October 5, 2017 letter. Acting Secretary Duke asked that I respond on her behalf.

In your letter, you request that Acting Secretary Duke grant an extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti, El Salvador and Honduras.

Acting Secretary Duke did not make a determination by the 60-day deadline for Honduras (November 6, 2017), resulting in an automatic 6-month extension of the designation, through July 5, 2018.

Prior to the expiration of the current extension of Haiti's TPS designation and the expiration of El Salvador's TPS designation (January 22, 2018 and March 9, 2018 respectively), the Acting Secretary will re-evaluate the designation for Haiti and El Salvador and will determine whether another extension, a redesignation, or a termination is warranted, in full compliance with the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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L. Francis Cissna
Director