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Elaine Duke
Acting Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20016

Dear Acting Secretary Duke:

I am writing to encourage you to continue two programs that provide temporary legal status and work authorization to over one million immigrants in this country.

These hard working immigrants have resided in the United States since making the heart wrenching decision to leave their home country following natural disasters and wars. They have come to our country in hopes of rebuilding their lives and making a stronger America. They work hard, positively contribute to our communities and have become a vital part of our everyday lives. There is nothing positive to accomplish by allowing these programs to lapse and losing hard working people in our communities. They deserve to be able to continue to work hard, support themselves, their families and continue pursuing the American dream.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Cummings", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven Cummings
General Manager

Cc: Senator Edward Markey
Senator Elizabeth Warren
US Representative Michael Capuano
Governor Charles Baker
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U.S. Citizenship
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March 30, 2018

Mr. Steven Cummings
General Manager
Harvard Club of Boston
374 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02215

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Thank you for your November 3, 2017 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Secretary Nielsen asked that I respond on her behalf.

I appreciate your interest in Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). With regard to TPS, the Secretary of Homeland Security's authority to designate a country for TPS and to extend or terminate a country's existing designation is based upon specific statutory criteria. *See* Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 244(b). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is principally responsible for advising the Secretary on TPS issues and implementing the program.

Under the INA, in order for the Secretary to designate a country with TPS, she must find that one or more of the following three statutory bases are met: (1) there is an ongoing, armed conflict within the country that would pose a serious threat to the personal safety of the country's nationals if they were returned; (2) there has been an earthquake, flood, drought, epidemic, or other environmental disaster in the country, resulting in a substantial, but temporary, disruption of the living conditions in the area affected; the country is temporarily unable to handle adequately the return of its nationals; and the country has officially requested TPS designation; or (3) there exist extraordinary and temporary conditions in the country that prevent nationals from returning in safety, and she does not find that permitting the country's nationals to remain temporarily in the United States would be contrary to the national interest of the United States.

At least 60 days before the expiration date for a TPS designation or extended period of designation, the Secretary must review conditions in the foreign country and, after consultation with other appropriate federal agencies, determine whether the statutory conditions for TPS continue to be met. Under the INA, if the Secretary determines that the conditions for designation are no longer met with respect to a country, the Secretary is required to terminate the designation. *See* INA § 244(b)(1),(3).

The Secretary's decisions announced recently regarding the TPS designations of Sudan, South Sudan, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, El Salvador, and Syria were each made pursuant to the statutorily prescribed process described above. As the current expiration date for each existing

Mr. Steven Cummings

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TPS designation approaches, the Secretary will re-evaluate each designation and determine whether an extension, or a termination is warranted, in compliance with the INA. In consultation with appropriate agencies of the Government, the Secretary will fully re-evaluate the country conditions and any other factors necessary to determine whether the TPS designation should continue. Each decision, once made, will be announced by the Department of Homeland Security, and a notice will be published in the *Federal Register*.

TPS, as enacted in law, is inherently temporary in nature. Initial designation periods are limited to 6-18 months, with required periodic reviews before the end of an initial period of designation and any extended period of designation. Additionally, the period of extension of a designation is limited to 6, 12, or 18 months at a time. See INA § 244(b)(2) and (3). TPS is not intended to be a vehicle to provide long-term immigration benefits to foreign nationals. The law does not permit the Secretary to make a designation permanent; only the U.S. Congress can deal with this issue by changing the law.

In accordance with a federal court order, USCIS resumed accepting requests to renew grants of deferred action under DACA on January 10, 2018. For the latest information on DACA, visit USCIS' response to the January 2018 preliminary injunction on its website, available at <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-response-january-2018-preliminary-injunction>.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in these important issues. Please feel free to share this information with the cosigners of your letter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Francis Cissna".

L. Francis Cissna
Director