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## APALA Blasts Ending of TPS for Nicaraguans

Washington, DC - The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) blasts the Administration's latest tactic to end the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program for Nicaraguans -- a move that further advances Trump's white supremacist, mass deportation agenda of communities of color.

"The administration continues to play politics with people's lives," stated APALA National President Monica Thammarath. "Thousands of Nicaraguans have created deep roots in this country and make meaningful contributions to our society every single day. Tearing working families apart and deporting our immigrant communities will have serious consequences on the moral fabric and economic stability of this country."

"Ending TPS for Nicaraguans without an alternative is yet another hateful reminder that immigrants are not welcome in this country," added APALA 1st Vice President Johanna Puno Hester. "As an immigrant myself, I am utterly disgusted. The administration has already unabashedly turned its back on undocumented immigrant youth, and now it is turning its back on families that have already escaped tremendous hardship - be it war or natural disaster. Put simply, to deport our families and our friends is to advance an ethnic cleansing agenda."

"As a daughter of refugees from Laos, my family's story is not so different from the thousands of TPS holders who've come decades ago. My family came to the U.S. to escape the dangers of war-torn country, and I would not be here if not for their bravery to start a new life in America," ended Thammarath. "APALA urges Congress to protect TPS holders whose status will soon expire, and we demand the administration save TPS for Hondurans, Salvadorans, and Haitians. Any elected official who refuses to stand up for our immigrant and refugee communities is complicit in the preservation of white supremacy at the highest level of government and ultimately the destruction of our democracy."

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