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"As an immigration legal services provider and a community-based organization, CARECEN (Central America Resource Center of San Francisco) has been witnessing the negative impact of the current administration's policies on our State's immigrant population. We are working with Temporary Protected Status beneficiaries, their families, and allies to mitigate the devastating consequences such as termination from their employment because employers and Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout the State have refused to allow TPS beneficiaries to renew their driver's licenses due to lack of awareness or understanding of the Federal Register Notice issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on November 4, 2019, to comply with the preliminary injunction issued by the Ninth Circuit Court of Northern California to extend the Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) automatically, Forms I-797, Notice of Action (Approval Notice); and Forms I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, (collectively, "TPS-related documents") for eligible, affected beneficiaries of TPS from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal until January 4, 2021.

Making the problem worse, the USCIS database, in some cases, does not provide an accurate or valid "case status application or immigration status verification." This leads to unnecessary problems for the TPS beneficiaries and their employers, such as delays in processing their driver licenses application. The Federal Register Notice and the issues with the USCIS database have caused considerable confusion, as hundreds of thousands of TPS holders now must rely on expired EADs and a Federal Register Notice to prove their lawful status to employers and DMV officials.

We demand that the USCIS keep up to date with its database information to avoid these unnecessary complications."

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