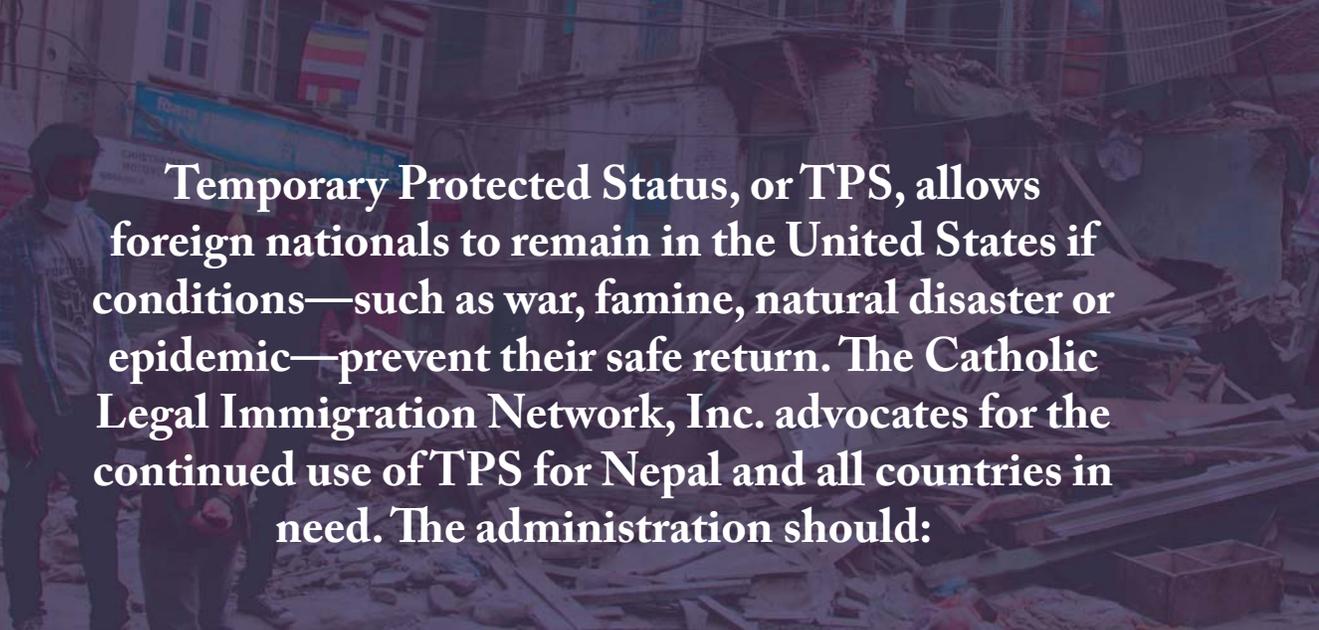


RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR NEPAL



Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, allows foreign nationals to remain in the United States if conditions—such as war, famine, natural disaster or epidemic—prevent their safe return. The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. advocates for the continued use of TPS for Nepal and all countries in need. The administration should:

- 1 Continue to extend TPS for Nepal in 18-month increments as long as conditions persist in Nepal that prevent the country from being able to safely return nationals, as is consistent with U.S. law.
- 2 Honor the Nepali government's request to extend TPS, as the country cannot safely accept the return of its nationals at this time.
- 3 Follow the process for making TPS extension determinations according to the law, which requires consultation with appropriate government agencies such as the State Department, timely publication of notices and extending and/or redesignating TPS when conditions warrant it.
- 4 Engage and consult with experts in civil society that are working in and serving Nepal to better understand the conditions on the ground, such as status of reconstruction from the earthquake and intervening factors which have affected progress.
- 5 Encourage Congress to create a permanent solution for Nepali and other TPS holders who have been in the United States for many years because their countries have remained unsafe.