



A Sincere Appeal to Community Organizations Registered in the United States

In the face of the recent devastating floods in Nepal, United for TPS Nepal (UTPSN) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL) have jointly initiated an effort in the US Congress to secure Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nepal, a humanitarian protection available under US law. A Congressional Letter calling for TPS designation for Nepal is being led by Representatives Judy Chu (CA-28), Grace Meng (NY-06), and Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08). As of Monday, September 21, 2026 morning, additional 22 Members of Congress, including two Republicans, have signed on to the letter.

Our request is not for a “redesignation” of the previous TPS for Nepal. We are requesting a new TPS designation based on the current conditions in Nepal. This means that, if a new TPS designation is granted, it could potentially benefit not only the approximately 5,000–7,000 Nepali nationals who previously held TPS, but also those who arrived after 2015, when Nepal was first designated for TPS, and who are currently in the United States on nonimmigrant visas or other temporary or uncertain immigration statuses. We estimate that approximately 30,000–50,000 Nepali nationals could potentially benefit. Available data indicate that there are currently approximately 25,000 Nepalis in the United States on F-1 student visas alone.

TPS does not provide a pathway to permanent residency. It is a temporary humanitarian protection granted in response to extraordinary conditions in a country. Allowing tens of thousands of Nepali nationals to remain and work legally in the United States could enable them to make an important contribution to Nepal’s disaster recovery and reconstruction through remittances. Approximately \$1.4 billion in remittances is sent from the United States to Nepal annually. In addition, according to a World Bank report, remittances from the US to Nepal increased by 16 percent during 2016 and 2017, the two years following Nepal’s initial TPS designation in 2015.

For these and other relevant facts compiled by UTPSN, please see our fact sheet here:

<https://www.utpsn.org/documents/nepal-disaster-recovery-and-tps-fact-sheet.pdf>

How Can US-Registered Organizations Support the Nepal TPS Initiative?

- Please add your organization’s name in support of the Congressional Letter initiated by UTPSN and AJSOCAL.
- Organizations can express their support by providing only a few basic details. The names of endorsing organizations will be included with the final version of the letter. Personal information such as an individual’s name, phone number, and email address will remain confidential and will only be used if we need to contact the organization regarding this effort.
- For 501(c)(3) organizations whose missions include serving and protecting their communities, advocating with government officials on issues affecting their communities is generally permissible. This effort is not intended as partisan political activity; it is an advocacy initiative focused on the interests and well-being of the community.

We are confident that, consistent with your organization’s mission, you will consider supporting and participating in this important campaign on behalf of the Nepali community in the United States.

We would like to review the fact sheet referenced above and the draft Congressional Letter, or if you would like to request your organization’s endorsement, please contact us at:

team@utpsn.org

Final deadline to submit your support: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

5:00 pm EST

