

## 100+ ORGANIZATIONS APPLAUD REDESIGNATION OF YEMEN FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**— This week, the Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition (<u>TPS-DED AAC</u>) is glad to see Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Yemen rightfully extended and redesignated. Last month, <u>over 100 organizations</u> called for the continuation and expansion of eligibility for the humanitarian protection for Yemenis living in the United States.

Yemen continues to undergo one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world as the country enters the eighth year of a war that has claimed an estimated 377,000 lives. This newest extension and redesignation of TPS for Yemen will expand protection from deportation and work permits for over 1,500 individuals and allow those more recently arrived to also apply.

**Rima Meroueh, Director of the National Network for Arab American Communities stated:** "The National Network for Arab American communities is pleased to see the administration redesignate TPS for Yemen. With the ongoing conflict and famine in Yemen, we must protect the lives of civilians who cannot return to a country experiencing ongoing war and conflict. The Secretary of Homeland Security has done right by Yemeni immigrants and their families living in the U.S. We commend the administration in holding to its commitments to extend and redesignate TPS for countries facing instability."

**Lora Adams, Campaign Coordinator of the TPS-DED AAC stated**: "We are glad to see the administration make the right decision for Yemenis living in the United States. TPS is an essential and life-saving component of a comprehensive humanitarian response to countries in crisis and an essential safety net for anyone who may fall through the cracks of our asylum system. After thirty years of bipartisan use, TPS continues to be a common-sense policy of not returning someone to a life-threatening situation."

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The <u>TPS-DED AAC</u> is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.