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U.S. Department of State
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Secretary Rubio,

We write to emphasize the urgent need for the United States to extend and redesignate Yemen for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The Department of Homeland Security's baseless February 13, 2026, decision to terminate TPS for Yemen is utterly disconnected from the reality of the dire security and humanitarian conditions in the country.¹ Approximately 1,380 Yemeni TPS-holders will face imminent arrest and deportation on May 4, 2026, if this termination is allowed to go into effect.² Without prompt action to redesignate and extend TPS, these individuals, many of whom have established families, careers, and homes in the United States, will face life-threatening risks if forced to return to Yemen under current conditions.³

The situation on the ground in Yemen remains exceptionally dangerous, and the conditions necessary for safe and dignified return for TPS-holders are currently absent. Territorial control and governance in Yemen is still deeply divided between multiple competing political and military actors, with violent armed civil conflict and foreign intervention continuing to generate instability to this day. This danger to Yemeni civilians is further enflamed by repeated direct bombings of Yemen by third countries, including our own.⁴ Such strikes, which have occurred regularly throughout the past year, have killed numerous civilians⁵ and destroyed essential civilian infrastructure, including major ports⁶ and airports,⁷ and even migrant detention centers.⁸

¹ "DHS Terminates Temporary Protected Status for Yemen," U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, February 13, 2026, <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-terminates-temporary-protected-status-for-yemen>.

² "Termination of the Designation of Yemen for Temporary Protected Status," Federal Register, March 3, 2026, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/03/03/2026-04179/termination-of-the-designation-of-yemen-for-temporary-protected-status>.

³ "Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure," Congressional Research Service, August 28, 2025, <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/RS20844>.

⁴ "US Strikes: Operation Rough Rider," Yemen Data Project, accessed February 10, 2026, <https://yemendataproject.org/>.

⁵ Dan Sabbagh "Trump's Yemen bombings killed nearly as many civilians as 23 previous years of US attacks, analysis shows," *The Guardian*, June 18, 2025, <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/18/trump-yemen-bombings-killed-civilians-us-attacks-analysis>.

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In addition to these serious threats of armed violence, Yemen continues to endure one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, resulting from over a decade of war, siege, and displacement. At least 17 million people—about half the population—continue to face acute food shortages, with 5.2 million people facing Phase 4 “Emergency” levels of food insecurity.⁹ Current IPC projections expect this hunger crisis to worsen, with some regions expected to enter Phase 5 “Catastrophe” levels.¹⁰ Deadly infectious disease and malnutrition continue to devastate the country.¹¹

The lack of safety in Yemen is further underscored by your own administration’s policies and advisories: Yemen is currently classified as a Level 4 zone by the U.S. Department of State (“Do Not Travel”), which explicitly warns against travel to “any part of Yemen,” citing threats of violence, ongoing civil war, kidnapping, landmines and unexploded ordinances, as well as the re-emergence of diseases like cholera, polio, and measles.¹² The United States cannot, in good faith, send our neighbors back to these extremely dangerous conditions.

Moreover, Yemeni TPS holders across the United States are integral members of our communities. They are our friends, our family members, our coworkers, and our neighbors, from Michigan to Florida and New York to California. Revoking TPS would place these individuals in immediate danger and disrupt the communities and institutions that rely on their contributions and presence. Continued delay of extension and redesignation will put lives at risk, force families into precarious circumstances, and jeopardize the integrity of a program designed to protect vulnerable populations.

As such, we urge the administration to reverse its February 13 termination and immediately redesignate and extend TPS for Yemeni nationals before its scheduled expiration. We urge you to take this critical step to save lives.

Sincerely,

⁶ “Yemen: US Strikes on Port an Apparent War Crime,” Human Rights Watch, June 4, 2025, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/06/04/yemen-us-strikes-on-port-an-apparent-war-crime>.

⁷ “Israel attacks main airport in Yemen’s capital Sanaa,” *BBC*, May 6, 2025, <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c7050j07gedo>.

⁸ “Yemen: ‘It’s a miracle we survived’: US air strike on civilians held in Sa’ada detention centre,” Amnesty International, October 29, 2025, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde31/0367/2025/en/>.

⁹ “Yemen: Acute Food Insecurity Situation for May - August 2025 and Projection for September 2025 – February 2026,” Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, June 27, 2025, <https://www.ipcinfo.org/ipc-country-analysis/details-map/en/c/1159662/?iso3=YEM>.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ “Yemen Health Emergency,” World Health Organization, April 11, 2024, <https://www.who.int/emergencies/situations/yemen-crisis>.

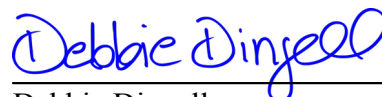
¹² “Travel Advisory – Republic of Yemen: Level 4 – Do not travel,” U.S. Department of State, December 19, 2025, <https://travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/travel-advisories/yemen.html>.

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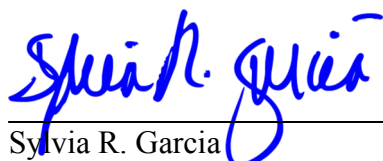
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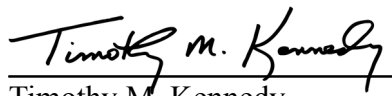
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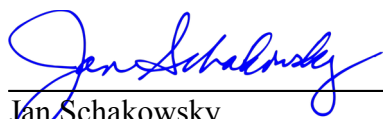
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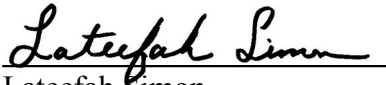
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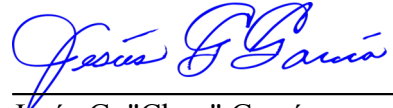
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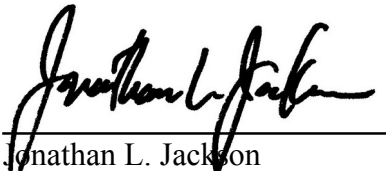
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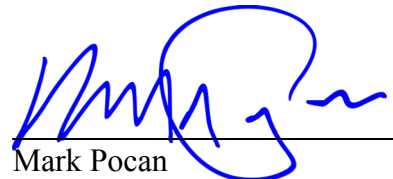
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