

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 4, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin,

We write to express our strong support for the extension and redesignation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukraine, which is currently set to expire on October 19, 2026. We respectfully urge the Department of Homeland Security to extend and redesignate TPS for Ukraine to ensure that Ukrainians who have sought refuge in the United States can continue to live and work here safely until conditions in their homeland permit a secure return.

More than 250,000 Ukrainians have sought safety in the United States after fleeing Russia's brutal full-scale invasion. These individuals have become valued members of our communities, contributing to our economy, workforce, and tax base while complying with U.S. laws and rebuilding their lives in temporary safety.

More than four years after Russia launched its full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022, Ukraine remains engulfed in one of the most devastating conflicts in modern Europe. Millions of Ukrainians remain displaced, while Kyiv and cities across the country continue to endure some of the largest missile and drone attacks of the war. Civilian infrastructure—including hospitals, schools, and energy facilities—continues to be deliberately targeted, creating widespread humanitarian needs and making safe return impossible for civilians.

Ukraine continues to meet the statutory requirements for TPS under Section 244(b)(1)(A) and (C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate or redesignate a country when there is "an ongoing armed conflict" or "extraordinary and temporary conditions" such that returning its nationals would pose a serious threat to their personal safety. Ukraine meets both standards. The ongoing armed conflict, coupled with persistent humanitarian and infrastructure crises, continues to prevent the safe return of Ukrainian nationals.

An extension of Ukraine's TPS designation is essential to preserve lawful status and employment authorization for thousands of Ukrainians who are already protected under the program and have remained in compliance with U.S. law.

A redesignation is equally necessary. Since the last redesignation, conditions in Ukraine have continued to deteriorate, yet thousands of Ukrainians who arrived later under humanitarian programs remain ineligible for TPS because of an outdated eligibility cutoff date. This arbitrary distinction excludes individuals who fled the same war, under the same humanitarian circumstances, solely because they arrived after the current designation date. Redesignating TPS would correct this inequity and ensure that all Ukrainians displaced by the ongoing conflict have equal access to humanitarian protection.

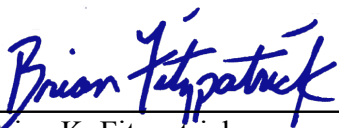
Without both an extension and redesignation, many Ukrainians lawfully residing in the United States could be forced to return to a country where their lives and safety remain at serious risk. Extending and redesignating TPS would reflect the reality of current conditions in Ukraine, uphold America's longstanding humanitarian commitments, and provide stability for families who cannot safely return home while the war continues.

Since the earliest days of Russia's full-scale invasion, members of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus have recognized the urgent need to protect Ukrainians who have sought refuge in the United States. Today, as the Russian war against Ukraine enters its fifth year, that need is greater than ever. Renewing and redesignating TPS would represent continued American leadership in responding to one of the world's most significant humanitarian crises and would be fully consistent with both the letter and the purpose of the TPS statute.

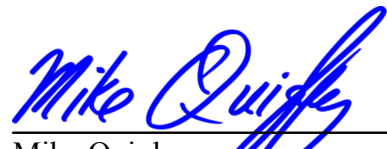
We are grateful for your administration's efforts to support a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. Until that peace is achieved and conditions allow for the safe return of displaced Ukrainians, we respectfully urge you to extend and redesignate Temporary Protected Status for Ukraine this fall.

Sincerely,

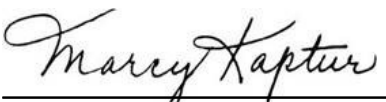
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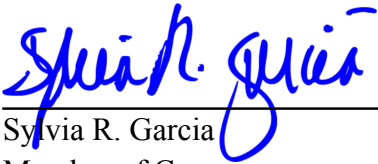
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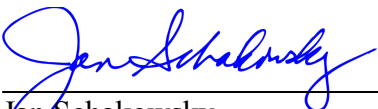
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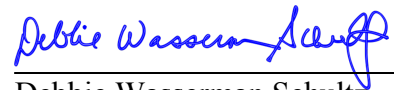
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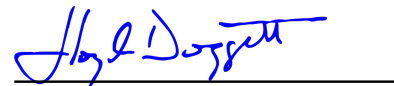
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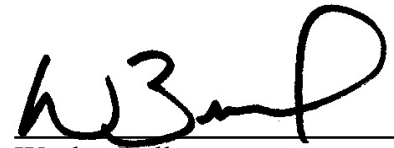
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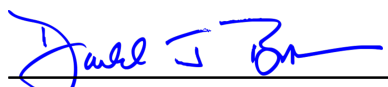
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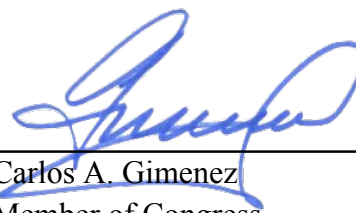
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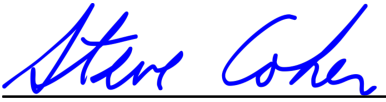
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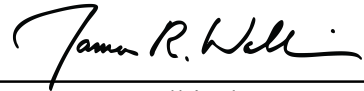
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