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To extend the period of designation for certain countries for purposes of providing temporary protected status to nationals of those countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, and Mr. CROWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continue American
5 Safety Act (CASA)”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) After a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck
2 Haiti in January 2010 that killed more than
3 160,000 people and displaced 1.5 million, there are
4 still over 50,000 people living in deteriorating and
5 dangerous conditions in displacement camps because
6 the country cannot handle the situation adequately.

7 (2) Temporary protected status (referred to in
8 this Act as “TPS”) provides a temporary safe haven
9 for refugees who cannot safely return to their home
10 country, or whose home country cannot reabsorb
11 them due to certain circumstances.

12 (3) TPS enables law-abiding refugees seeking
13 safer and happier lives in the United States.

14 (4) The TPS program does not endorse unlaw-
15 ful behavior and thus enforces ineligibility for indi-
16 viduals convicted of felony and violent crimes.

17 (5) Haiti, El Salvador, Syria, Nepal, Honduras,
18 Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Nicaragua, and South
19 Sudan all meet the statutory criteria requirements
20 for TPS.

21 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF DESIGNATION FOR TPS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, the designation under section 244(b) of the
24 Immigration and Nationality Act of a country described
25 in subsection (b) may not end before January 21, 2021.

1 (b) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries de-
2 scribed in this subsection are—

- 3 (1) El Salvador;
- 4 (2) Haiti;
- 5 (3) Honduras;
- 6 (4) Nepal;
- 7 (5) Nicaragua;
- 8 (6) Somalia;
- 9 (7) Sudan;
- 10 (8) South Sudan;
- 11 (9) Syria; and
- 12 (10) Yemen.

13 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
14 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
17 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1254a), Guatemala shall be treated as if it had been
19 designated under subsection (b) of such section, sub-
20 ject to the provisions of this section.

21 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
22 riod of such designation shall begin on the date of
23 the enactment of this Act and shall remain in effect
24 for 18 months.

1 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—In applying section 244 of
2 such Act pursuant to the designation made under this sec-
3 tion, subject to section 244(c)(3) of such Act, an alien who
4 is a national of Guatemala shall be deemed to satisfy the
5 requirements of section 244(c)(1) of such Act only if the
6 alien—

7 (1) has been continuously physically present in
8 the United States since June 2, 2018;

9 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
10 otherwise provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of
11 such Act, and is not ineligible for temporary pro-
12 tected status under section 244(c)(2)(B) of such
13 Act; and

14 (3) registers for temporary protected status in
15 a manner that the Secretary of Homeland Security
16 shall establish.

17 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary
18 of Homeland Security shall give the prior consent to travel
19 abroad described in section 244(f)(3) of such Act to an
20 alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant
21 to the designation made under this section, if the alien
22 establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Home-
23 land Security that emergency and extenuating cir-
24 cumstances beyond the control of the alien require the
25 alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad. An alien

1 returning to the United States in accordance with such
2 an authorization shall be treated the same as any other
3 returning alien provided temporary protected status under
4 section 244 of such Act.

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