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The Honorable Nydia Velazquez  
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The Honorable Karen Bass  
US House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Ted Lieu  
US House of Representatives  
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Dear Representatives Velazquez, Bass, and Lieu:

On behalf of the 500,000 men and women of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), a union built by and for immigrants, I write to endorse your legislation to protect recipients of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program. H.R. 4235, the American Promise Act, would allow these valued members of our union to remain in our country by protecting them from deportation to their still-unstable countries of origin.

H.R. 4235 would protect workers from all TPS designated nations, and their immediate family members, who have had a continuous presence in the U.S. for the past three (3) years, and give them a path to legal permanent resident status, as well as eventual naturalization. LIUNA also supports the bill's important and necessary inclusion of oversight by requiring a justification of a change in the nation's TPS designation.

Hundreds of thousands of union members have lived and worked in our country for years under TPS, paying taxes while supporting their families. These workers build America every day, and at the same time, build the U.S. economy. Ending TPS for countries including Haiti, El Salvador, and Honduras would have a significantly negative effect on the construction industry. Over twenty percent of TPS recipients work in the construction industry, most from these three (3) nations. In addition to the devastating impact on these workers and their families, termination of the TPS

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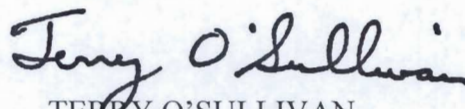
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program would lead to an estimated \$45 billion reduction in GDP, an immediate \$6.9 billion reduction in tax contributions, and nearly \$1 billion in employer costs. For these reasons, LIUNA supports your bill to protect recipients of the TPS program.

The construction industry needs to retain workers covered by the TPS program to continue to build America. H.R. 4235 is needed to protect our union members, and our union is proud to endorse your bill.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Terry O'Sullivan in black ink.

TERRY O'SULLIVAN  
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