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The Honorable Secretary of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**Subject: Temporary Protected Status for Yemeni Nationals**

Dear The Honorable Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security,

The American Center for Justice writes to express its deep concern regarding any consideration to terminate or fail to renew Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Yemeni nationals currently residing in the United States.

Conditions in Yemen continue to present a clear and ongoing threat to civilian life. The country remains fragmented by armed militias in both the north and the south. While the humanitarian impact of Houthi control in northern regions is well documented, conditions in the eastern governorates—particularly Hadramout and Al-Mahrah—have deteriorated in ways that are comparably dangerous. The absence of effective state authority, the presence of competing armed actors, and widespread insecurity expose civilians to serious risks regardless of region.

Beyond security concerns, Yemen is facing a severe humanitarian collapse. The healthcare system is largely nonfunctional, communicable diseases remain prevalent, food insecurity is widespread, and essential public services have broken down. These conditions are not temporary disruptions; they are structural and ongoing.



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Under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Temporary Protected Status is intended to prevent the return of individuals to countries experiencing ongoing armed conflict or extraordinary and temporary conditions that pose a serious threat to personal safety. Terminating or allowing TPS to lapse for Yemeni nationals would be inconsistent with the statute's humanitarian purpose and with longstanding U.S. policy against returning individuals to conditions that endanger their lives.

The United States has long affirmed its commitment to protecting human life and upholding humanitarian principles in its immigration system. Maintaining TPS for Yemen is consistent with these commitments, as well as with America's democratic values and international human rights obligations.

We respectfully urge the Department of Homeland Security to maintain Temporary Protected Status for Yemeni nationals until conditions in Yemen demonstrably allow for safe and dignified return.

Sincerely,

Latifa Jamel

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