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MOAKLEY CALLS ON ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND PROTECTIONS TO SALVADORANS IN THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Joe Moakley (D-Mass.) today formally called on the Bush Administration to extend "temporary protected status" (TPS) to the nearly 200,000 Salvadorans who have registered for the program. In letters to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, Moakley stated that an extension "will help promote the very difficult and complicated task of implementing a lasting peace in El Salvador."

Temporary Protected Status is a Moakley-authored provision that became law in 1990. It merely allows the Administration to offer temporary protections to nationals from countries experiencing human rights violations, war or other extraordinary situations. Under the law, the Attorney General has the authority to grant and/or extend this status to refugees.

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