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Governor's Office for New Americans celebrates the recent developments with DACA and TPS

Las Vegas, Nevada – Today, the Department of Homeland Security published a new [federal register notice](#) announcing the continuation of documentation for beneficiaries of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal.

This follows the news of Federal Judge Garaufis ordering the full restoration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program last Friday, and the Department of Homeland Security [announcing](#) this Monday that they will begin accepting new applications and restore the program to its original version in compliance with the Judge's orders.

For the first time since 2017, the Department of Homeland Security will accept new applications for DACA and renewal request will revert back to a two-year protection period. New applicants are encouraged to seek legal counsel or reach out to non-profits who are recognized by the Department of Justice and have Accredited Representatives on staff.

"This is very much welcome news for the State of Nevada and the DACA and TPS recipients who are our friends, our family, our neighbors and call Nevada home," **said Governor Steve Sisolak**. "There is still much work to be done and I continue to urge Congress to finally pass permanent protections for these integral members of our communities – not only is it the smart thing to do, it's the right thing to do."

"We know that this is not a permanent solution, but the extension of protections for DACA and TPS beneficiaries are welcomed news and we join the immigrant community in celebrating these wins," **said Charina de Asis, Director of the Governor's Office for New Americans**. "The immigrant and refugee community has been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and now there is one less thing for them to worry about while they focus on keeping their families safe."

Following this news, the Governor's Office for New Americans will continue to work with our state agencies to ensure that services eligible for our DACA and TPS recipients continue to be provided.

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