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Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen Announcement on Temporary Protected Status for El Salvador

The Secretary of Homeland Security announced yesterday January 8th, 2018 her determination to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act. To allow for an orderly transition, she has determined to delay the termination for 18 months. The designation will terminate on Sept. 9, 2019

Susana Iribarren-Marino, President of Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce stated, “For the Salvadoran community, these hours represent a great deal of anguish for many families and the business community who without a doubt will be affected by this decision.”

According to the National Immigration Forum there are approximately 200,000 Salvadorans, 57,000 Hondurans, and 50,000 Haitians living in the United States who came to this country covered by the TPS. Of this number, 88% work, own homes and even own businesses. In the case of our DMV region, there are approximately 32,000 Salvadorans currently residing in Washington Metro and there are already 21,000 children born in the United States who are directly affected by this decision.

While commenting on this issue, Marino added “This arbitrary and impulsive decision taken by the current administration, would leave losses in the millions of dollars in already established contributions to Medicare, Social Security and GDP as well as the private sector.”

In a recent statement from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center it is estimated that employers will suffer losses estimated at \$967,000,000 dollars by having to replace all these workers who are forced to leave the U.S If we take into account that 50,000 works in construction, 27,000 are business owners, 32,000 works in the food industry and 10,000 works in child care.

Marino commented “Since a few weeks ago, our team of advisers and directors at Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, met to evaluate the economic impact in our region. The chamber must evaluate how many of our members will be affected, as well as the overall impact on Salvadorans business owners and employees in Virginia.

“Based on my evaluation, I can foresee this action will undoubtedly affect the construction, restaurant and hotel industry, as well as other service areas in general. In that sense, our Chamber will be the voice of business community in general who will be affected by this measure. We are also going to finalize in the coming weeks, meetings with Virginia congressmen including Bobby Scott, Gerry Connolly and congresswoman Colette McEachin”

About Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Northern Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - NOVAHCC foster opportunities for business and career growth. Our mission is to enhance the economic growth of our region through three core principles: "Connect, Learn and Grow" our main activities focus on delivering bottom line results through procurement B2B/B2G matchmakings, networking events, assisting Veteran's with career/businesses opportunities, and connecting people to jobs in the region

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