



We, the undersigned organizations, are a part of a nation-wide movement to support humanitarian efforts for the Philippines. Haiyan was one of the most powerful storms ever recorded on land, bringing sustained winds of 147mph and waves as high as 45ft. The devastation and tragedy has touched all of our hearts as the difficult relief efforts have begun.

While the U.S. is directing much-needed food and relief aid to the Philippines, another way we can help limit the strain on that country's resources is by designating the Philippines for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under §244(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Just less than four years ago, DHS and USCIS acted quickly in a very similar circumstance to designate Haiti for TPS after a massive earthquake. That response can and should be repeated for the Philippines.

Typhoon Yolanda followed on the heels of the deadly Bohol earthquake and had devastating effects on the Philippines and upon relatives and friends of Filipinos and Filipino Americans in the U.S. With 1.9 million homeless and more than 600,000 displaced, every area in the Philippines has been impacted as they are absorbing those that have been displaced. For the Philippines to reabsorb thousands of its nationals currently abroad during this national emergency would only burden an already strained infrastructure.

TPS is a temporary form of humanitarian aid that will empower Filipinos here in the US to more effectively aid their own home country. Filipino immigrants are already sending back millions of dollars in remittances every year. TPS would ensure that Filipinos in the U.S. would be protected from deportation and granted work authorization to enable them to continue working.

We therefore are calling upon the Aquino Administration in the Philippines to formally request TPS and other humanitarian measures of the Obama Administration, and for the Obama Administration to grant these measures immediately.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations:**

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Batis Center for Women  
Black Alliance for Just Immigration  
Church World Service  
Colombian Alliance in the USA (CAUSA)  
Disciples Justice Action Network  
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network  
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters  
Immigration Task Force of the United Methodist Church, Cal-Pac  
KAYA - Filipino Americans for Progress  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Filipino American Lawyers Association  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Philippine American Bar Association  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society  
UNITED SIKHS  
United Workers Congress

**Local/Regional Organizations:**

8th Day Center for Justice, Illinois  
Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice, New York  
AFIRE, Chicago  
Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment, Illinois  
ALMAS / Centro Laboral de Graton, California  
ANAHUAK YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION, California  
API Equality-LA, California  
Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC), California  
Arkansas Coalition for DREAM, Arkansas  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Chicago  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles  
Asian Law Caucus, California  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, Los Angeles Chapter, California  
ASPIRE LA, California  
Association of Filipino Workers, California  
California Immigrant Policy Center, California  
Casa Latina, Washington  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), Los Angeles, California  
Central Spanish Baptist Church, Illinois  
Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores/as, Colorado  
Centro Latino Cuzcatlan, California  
Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America, Illinois  
Chinese for Affirmative Action, California

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, California  
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA), California  
Coalition de Derechos Humanos, Arizona  
Coalition for Humane Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), California  
Colombo Americans in Action (CACIA), California  
DAMAYAN Migrant Workers Association, New York  
Dolores Street Community Services, California  
Dominican Sisters of Houston, Texas  
Echo Park United Methodist Church, California  
El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores, Colorado  
Encuentro, New Mexico  
Farmworker Association of Florida, Florida  
Fe y Justicia Worker Center, Texas  
Filipino Advocates for Justice, California  
Filipino Alliance at Brown University, Rhode Island  
Filipino American National Historical Society of Metro New York  
Filipino American Service Group, Inc., California  
Filipino Migrant Center, California  
Filipino Parish Ministry of St. Lucy Church, New York  
Harvard Philippine Forum, Massachusetts  
Mujeres Unidas y Activas, California  
Honduras Foundation of USA, Florida  
Human Rights Project, California  
IMIrJ, Oregon  
Immigrant Youth Justice League, Illinois  
Kalusugan Coalition, New York  
KASAMA: The Filipino Club, Connecticut  
Kaya Collaborative, Rhode Island  
Korean Resource Center, California  
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA), California  
La Colectiva, California  
La Raza Centro Legal, California  
Latino Union, Illinois  
Law Offices of Jesiros D. Bautista, California  
Los Angeles Workers In Action (LAWIA), California  
MataHari: Eye of the Day, Massachusetts  
Mujeres Unidas Y Activas, California  
New York Legal Assistance Group, New York  
OneAmerica, Washington State  
Organized Communities Against Deportation, Illinois  
PAWIS, California  
Philippine Expressions Bookshop, California  
Philippine Workers Center, California  
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California, California  
Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project, Massachusetts  
Search to Involve Pilipino Americans, California  
SEIU Healthcare 775NW, Washington

Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN), California  
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network, regional southwest  
Southwest Workers Union, Texas  
The New York Immigration Coalition, New York  
The Outstanding Filipino American NY, New York  
Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research and Action  
UNIRR, Illinois  
Unity Housecleaners, LLC, New York  
Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WCIR), Michigan  
Work Place Project, New York  
Xi Alpha Chapter of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., New York