

# Senate Resolution 103 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

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1 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact  
2 legislation that creates a roadmap to permanent  
3 status for temporary protected status recipients.

4 WHEREAS, temporary protected status (TPS) is an  
5 immigration status permitted by section 244 of the  
6 federal Immigration and Nationality Act under which  
7 the federal government grants legal immigration status  
8 to people from certain countries afflicted by natural  
9 disasters, war, or other dangerous conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, TPS currently protects approximately  
11 437,000 people in the United States from 10 countries  
12 who would otherwise be deported to areas suffering from  
13 disease, violence, starvation, the aftermath of natural  
14 disasters, and other life-threatening conditions; and

15 WHEREAS, the largest groups of TPS recipients are  
16 from El Salvador with approximately 195,000 people,  
17 followed by Honduras with approximately 57,000 people,  
18 and Haiti with approximately 50,000 people; and

19 WHEREAS, TPS recipients in Iowa and their families  
20 have been significant, contributing members of  
21 their communities and local economies for nearly 20  
22 years; and

23 WHEREAS, ending TPS will devastate the United States  
24 economy, with estimates including a \$3 billion cost  
25 to taxpayers for deporting TPS recipients from El  
26 Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti; over \$45 billion in lost  
27 gross domestic product over a decade due to the lost  
28 productivity of these individuals; \$6.9 billion in lost

1 Social Security and Medicare contributions; and close  
2 to \$1 billion in turnover costs incurred by employers  
3 for the wholesale termination of the employment of this  
4 population; and

5 WHEREAS, terminating TPS before home countries  
6 are sufficiently recovered will have a profoundly  
7 destabilizing effect that will be felt in countries  
8 in need, by their neighbors, and at the United States  
9 borders, as more people flee their countries to save  
10 their lives and the lives of their families; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States has a history of  
12 contributing to instability in countries covered by  
13 TPS; and

14 WHEREAS, the federal Department of Homeland Security  
15 has already denied extension of TPS status to several  
16 countries, meaning that current recipients will lose  
17 their ability to work legally in the United States and  
18 will be at risk of being deported back to dangerous  
19 conditions in their home countries; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
21 respectfully requests that the Iowa congressional  
22 delegation work to enact legislation that creates a  
23 roadmap to permanent status for TPS recipients and the  
24 millions of other immigrants in the United States; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the  
26 Senate shall distribute copies of this resolution to  
27 the members of the Iowa congressional delegation.