



Statement on Biden administration's decision to redesignate TPS for Venezuelans

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For the last ten months, the Latino Policy Forum has convened the [Welcome to IL coalition](#), a network of stakeholders working to meet the needs of recent arrivals. The number one concern expressed among our partners has been access to work permits. Like our partners, we commend the Biden administration's [decision](#) to redesignate TPS and extend work permits for nearly half a million Venezuelans, many of whom have made Chicago and IL their home this past year. Being able to work is fundamental to one's livelihood. We affirm that all immigrants should have access to work permits, regardless of how or when they arrived. That is why we stand with our partners today in calling on the Biden administration to extend work permits to long-term undocumented immigrants, who also make our economy strong and enrich our communities. The time is now.

We appreciate your support.