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Dear Special Counsel Gallagher:

I write to urge you to give every consideration to the Memorandum submitted to you by Centro Romero, an organization in my Congressional District that provides valuable expertise and service to my constituents and others in the Chicagoland area.

Centro Romero's Memorandum argues that during the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) benefits period, TPS Registrants are eligible to adjust status pursuant to Section 245(a) irrespective of a prior Entry Without Inspection, if they are otherwise eligible for adjustment under current law.

I believe that Centro Romero makes a sound argument, and I urge you to give full and fair consideration to the specific points that they make in their August 11, 2008 Memorandum, in keeping with existing laws and regulations.

Please contact my District Director Leslie Combs with questions, she can be reached at 773-506-7100 or leslie.combs@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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