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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Secretary Rubio:

This letter respectfully requests the Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Department of State, redesignate Lebanon for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). We must stand up for our Lebanese neighbors and permit those affected by the ongoing crisis in Lebanon to continue to find safe haven in the United States by extending the TPS designation scheduled to expire on November 27, 2026.

The situation in Lebanon remains volatile and the conditions needed for safe and dignified return for TPS-holders are not in place. The country is experiencing continued unrest and ongoing military activity from the country's southern border to the Bekaa Valley, posing significant threats to civilian safety. Many villages have suffered extensive damage, and essential infrastructure has been destroyed and will need to be replaced. Though many internally displaced people have been able to return home, more than 300,000 Lebanese have not. Going into the winter nearly a quarter of the country's population, or more than 1 million people, are facing acute food shortages. The armed conflict and foreign intervention in the country continue to generate significant instability and dangerous conditions for civilians.

In addition to security concerns, Lebanon's socioeconomic conditions remain strained. The country continues to recover from the three-year stalemate that impacted public services, economic stability, and governance. While there has been progress, essential systems continue to struggle due to the ongoing crises.

The United States has a long history of offering refuge to those seeking shelter from catastrophe. Amid the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East and the complex crisis in Lebanon, we have an imperative to provide support for our Lebanese neighbors in their time of need. As such, we urge the administration to redesignate and extend TPS for Lebanese nationals before its scheduled expiration on November 27, 2026.

We appreciate your consideration of this important request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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