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**RED DE INMIGRANTES DE OHIO, (RIO). (*Ohio Immigrants Network, RIO*).**

*RIO* is a coalition of grassroots immigrant organizations in Ohio. Its members include Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), Immigrant Workers Project (IWP), Mayan Immigrants Guatemalans (MIGUATE), The Coalition for the Dignity and Rights of Immigrants (CODEDI) and the Guatemalan Committee Pwj'Bill T'bannal affiliated with CODEDI.



Dear Community,

RIO, representing thousands of Guatemalans living in the state of Ohio and whose family members living in Guatemala have been directly affected by tropical storm Agatha, request your support and solidarity to ask President Obama to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to all Guatemalans living in the United States.

TPS is a temporary migration status that is granted to citizens of other countries living in the US that cannot return to their country of origin as the result of a natural disaster such as tropical storm Agatha and the eruption of the volcano Pacaya that occurred this past May in Guatemala. TPS allows individuals of the designated country to remain in the US temporarily and grants them a temporary work permit.

On June 4th, the president of Guatemala, Alvaro Colon, requested that President Obama grant TPS for the Guatemalans living in the United States.

RIO joins with Guatemalan organizations across the US to support the petition of President Colon. Please call, fax or e-mail president Obama and Express your support for TPS for Guatemalans living in the US.

Fax: (202) 456-2461  
Tel: 1(202) 456-1111,  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>.

Message to President Obama:

Tropical storm Agatha and the eruption of Pacaya have left hundreds injured and dead, more than 86,000 homeless, 144,000 evacuated and more than 21,000 houses damaged. We, the undersigned, are writing in support of President Colon's request that the United States grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Guatemalans living in the United States.

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