



EVANGELICAL IMMIGRATION table.

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Dear President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas,

We are writing to thank you for granting Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to individuals from Ukraine who are currently present within the United States, a decision announced on March 3 by Secretary Mayorkas. The war in Ukraine is a clear example of the sort of situation that Congress had in mind when it passed legislation creating TPS in 1990. The designation of TPS for Ukrainians who are present in the United States right now, such that they need not fear deportation but can stay and work in the U.S. at least until the conflict is resolved, is an important way that the U.S. can stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

While we understand that most individuals who determine they must flee Ukraine will go to neighboring countries within Europe, we also urge you to continue to restore the U.S. refugee resettlement program and to increase our country's capacity to fairly adjudicate asylum requests, so that some of those forced to flee Ukraine – along with those fleeing a credible fear of persecution from other countries – will eventually be able to find refuge in the U.S.

Please know that we are praying for you as you navigate this crisis, even as we pray peace.

Sincerely,

Evangelical Immigration Table Organizations:

- Bethany Christian Services
- Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
- Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Faith and Community Empowerment
- National Association of Evangelicals
- National Latino Evangelical Coalition
- The Wesleyan Church
- World Relief
- World Vision

