

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**PR 22-448, Sense of the Council in Support of Legislative Action to Protect Dreamers Resolution of 2017**

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**PR 22-525, Sense of the Council in Support of Legislative Action to Protect Temporary Protected Status Resolution of 2017**

on

**Thursday, November 2, 2017**

**9:30 a.m., Council Chambers, John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **PR 22-448**, the “Sense of the Council in Support of Legislative Action to Protect Dreamers Resolution of 2017,” and **PR 22-525**, the “Sense of the Council in Support of Legislative Action to Protect Temporary Protected Status Resolution of 2017.” The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in Hearing Room 500, the Council Chambers, of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of **PR 22-448** is to call upon the United States Congress to take legislative action to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients. On September 5, 2017, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions formally announced that the Trump Administration is ending the DACA program. The DACA program provides a two-year renewable reprieve from deportation to individuals whose parents brought them illegally to the U.S. when they were children. Additionally, the program allows these individuals to study, work, and obtain a driver’s license. If Congress does not pass legislation to protect DACA recipients, almost 800,000 individuals will be vulnerable to deportation.

**PR 22-525** urges President Trump and Congress to act immediately to extend the temporary protected status (TPS) program. The program was created in 1990 and protects foreign nationals who are from countries that are experiencing on-going armed conflicts, environmental disasters, or extraordinary life-threatening conditions. Individuals who qualify for TPS must renew their status every 18 months. On May 22, 2017, President Trump threatened to reduce the number of months that Haitian nationals may be covered under TPS by reducing the protection period from 18 months to six months. Reduction of the TPS program, regardless of the nationality of the individual covered under TPS, would adversely affect the District since approximately 33,000 individuals who qualify for TPS reside in the District.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us), or call Christina Setlow, Deputy Committee Director at (202) 724-4865, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on October 31, 2017 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. **Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.** Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council’s office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2017.