



NTPSA v. Noem Timeline

Feb. 19, 2025: CILP and our partners file a lawsuit on behalf of the National TPS Alliance and Venezuelans with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) who are challenging the Trump administration's unprecedented attempt to strip Venezuelans of protections extended a month earlier. The [suit](#), filed in district court, argues federal officials violated the Administrative Procedure Act, and the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment guarantee of equal protection. The case is known as *NTPSA v. Noem*.

March 24, 2025: A federal judge in San Francisco hears oral argument in the case.

March 31, 2025: The court [blocks](#) the Trump administration from ending TPS while the case moves forward. This allows nearly 350,000 Venezuelans to maintain work permits and protection from deportation temporarily.

April 18, 2025: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit [rejects](#) a request from the federal government seeking a stay of the district court's March ruling.

May 2, 2025: The Trump administration asks the U.S. Supreme Court for emergency review to stay the district court's order that preserves TPS for Venezuelans.

May 19, 2025: The U.S. Supreme Court issues a two-paragraph [summary order](#) granting the federal government's stay of the district court's March ruling. This action strips legal status and work permits from nearly 350,000 Venezuelan immigrants who are living in the U.S. and are unable to safely return to their home country. But the Supreme Court's order suggests some Venezuelans might still qualify for protection.

May 29, 2025: A federal court in San Francisco will consider whether the Supreme Court's order provides limited relief for Venezuelans with TPS who applied for an extension and received work permits under the January 17 extension that Secretary Mayorkas had issued.

July 16, 2025: The Ninth Circuit hears oral argument in an appeal filed by the federal government seeking to overturn the district court's March 31 ruling granting preliminary relief to Venezuelan TPS holders.

August 1, 2025: A federal judge in San Francisco hears arguments filed by both the Justice Department and TPS holders seeking summary judgement in *NTPSA v. Noem*.

Jan. 29, 2026: A federal court of appeals rules that the Trump administration illegally stripped Temporary Protected Status (TPS) from 600,000 Venezuelans. [In a 48-page ruling](#), a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit held that DHS Secretary Kristi Noem overstepped her authority. The court affirms the lower court's earlier ruling that Sec. Noem's action was illegal.

March 11, 2026: The Ninth Circuit [denies a petition for an en banc rehearing](#) in *NTPSA v. Noem*. Judges Wardlaw, Mendoza, Jr., and Johnstone reject the Trump administration's request to have 11 judges reconsider a prior ruling that held the Sec. of Homeland Security exceeded its authority when it terminated Temporary Protected Status for individuals from Venezuela and Haiti. The full court was advised, and the request failed to receive a majority of the votes necessary for a rehearing.

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