

## Temporary Protected Status Stories

# Blanca Galeas

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Blanca Galeas came from the Central American country of Honduras in 1990, when she was just 21 years old. She has been in the United States as a Temporary Protected Status holder for



numerous years. She is now 51 years old and has a story of discrimination, racism, and intolerance to share. In the United States, she makes a living as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She's put hard work and dedication in this field for more than 25 years! Needless to

say, she is committed to playing a reliable, loving and compassionate role in nursing homes. Three years ago, she started a new job at a nursing home, where she had a common accident that has often happened to other nursing assistants. However, as one of the few workers that has a temporary protected status rather than permanent citizenship she became a target of discrimination and racism, despite her diligent and efficient work record. TPS workers do their part to keep the economy running and expanding. However, because of the difference between holding a right to work permit and citizenship, not only is her labor being discredited but she feels discredited as an individual as well. Blanca's experience is unfair, but it unfortunately happens to many TPS holders.



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