Temporary Protection from Deportation for Labor Disputes

If you are an immigrant worker involved in a workplace investigation or case, state labor agencies may be able to help.



California protects all workers regardless of their immigration status. We do not share your immigration status with your employer or immigration officials.



Federal immigration authorities sometimes grant "prosecutorial discretion," which means in certain cases they provide temporary protection from deportation proceedings.



You will be considered lawfully present for certain limited purposes.

You may qualify for temporary work authorization.

Additional information about prosecutorial discretion is available in the Department of Homeland Security's FAQs.



Labor agencies can support your request to the Department of Homeland Security for prosecutorial discretion by providing a letter, known as a "Statement of Interest," during an active labor investigation or enforcement action.

Not all cases will qualify. Please refer to the following FAQs for more information:

- Labor Commissioner's Office
- Agricultural Labor Relations Board
- Cal/OSHA



Talk to an immigration attorney to see if prosecutorial discretion or other immigration relief may be an option for you. The California Department of Social Services has posted a list of immigration services providers.











