

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 7, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We write to convey our grave concerns over the deteriorating security situation in Haiti as missionaries, humanitarian aid workers, and countless innocent civilians face deadly threats from criminal gangs that have overrun major urban centers. Recent reports indicate that these gangs, including the Viv Ansanm coalition, now control over 85% of Port-au-Prince and are expanding their reach into previously stable areas, including Cange, Pignon, and Jérémie.

We have received deeply troubling reports from local healthcare workers describing the complete takeover of their campus by armed gangs. According to those on the ground, homes were looted and left in disarray, with furniture and belongings scattered or destroyed. Gangs have ransacked local facilities, tearing down solar panels, breaking into the church and clinics, while stealing critical supplies, including medications and recently installed medical and dental equipment such as X-ray and sonogram machines. Particularly heartbreaking was the account of two homes—originally built for displaced families—being deliberately burned. These same gangs now occupy the area with impunity. One church member who fled to Cange shared that she’s considering returning to the gang-held zone, believing it may be safer and offer more stability, even if that means living under their guns in exchange for a roof and occasional food.

Over one million Haitians have been displaced due to gang violence, with many seeking refuge in overcrowded and under-resourced areas. The deployment of the United Nations (UN) Multinational Security Support Mission has struggled to stabilize the situation, and the violent anarchy requires a concerted effort and strategy.

Given these alarming developments, we respectfully urge the Department of State to take immediate action. It is paramount that we enhance protective measures and emergency resources for any American citizens and humanitarian workers in Haiti and continue to coordinate with the Haitian Transitional Presidential Council, Haitian National Police, and the UN Multinational Security Support Mission as they work to restore peace and stable government. We further encourage addressing the violence by disrupting the flow of illicit arms from abroad to gang leaders while limiting their financing where possible.

As the leading voice of the Western Hemisphere, the United States has an important responsibility to act decisively to ameliorate this humanitarian and security crisis. We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and stand ready to offer congressional support.

Sincerely,



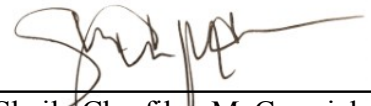
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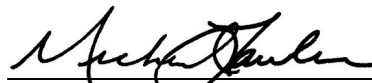
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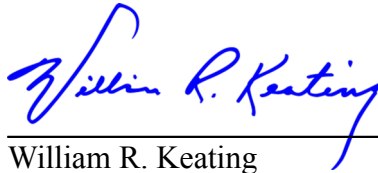
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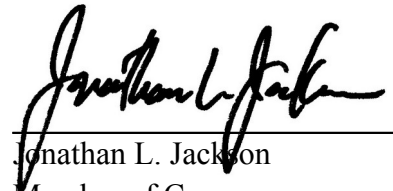
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