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The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Leader Thune,

Last week, the Supreme Court ruled to allow the Administration to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians. Following this decision, I write today to urge you to quickly take up and pass H.R.1689, which extends TPS for Haitians, through the Senate.

On April 16, 2026, the House of Representatives passed H.R.1689 with a bipartisan vote. It has now been sitting in the Senate for months without any floor action. With the Administration beginning to enforce the TPS termination, it is imperative that you put H.R.1689 on the Senate floor as soon as possible.

The safety of Haitians who have been in the U.S. for years and the strength of our healthcare workforce depend on prompt action in the Senate. The conditions on the ground in Haiti are disastrous. The gang violence, kidnappings, and humanitarian crisis pose serious threats to the people that live there. Additionally, about one third of the 350,000 Haitians on TPS are healthcare workers, serving as nurses, home health aides, direct support professionals, and more. Forcing these essential workers out of the country and out of their jobs will only exacerbate existing workforce shortages in healthcare and impact patient care.

I urge you to put H.R.1689 on the Senate floor immediately and I look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lawler".

Michael V. Lawler  
Member of Congress