Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20500

September 8, 2025

Dear President Trump,

We write today to encourage the Administration to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian citizens. With the continuing increase in gang violence and human rights abuses in Haiti, the security environment is no doubt unstable for Haitians still living there. Knowing the danger, it is critical that you rethink your TPS policy here and renew the designation past February.

The U.S. has a long history with Haiti as well as the Haitian people. That is why over 1,000,000 individuals of Haitian descent now live in the United States. In the Hudson Valley, this community has contributed heavily to our culture, economy, and politics. We have a vibrant and thriving Haitian population in the area who we know share a common bond with the Americans and other immigrant communities that live here as well.

While certain TPS designations have been abused by past administrations, Haiti's designation is warranted and necessary to protect communities currently in the United States. Until safety, law, and order are restored to Haiti, it is unconscionable to send law-abiding individuals in the U.S. back to the country. Yet unfortunately, with conditions continuing to deteriorate, this is not yet the case.

In addition to keeping TPS in place, we urge your Administration to prioritize meaningful change in Haiti. With your continued commitment to utilizing America's leadership to advance global peace, your Administration is uniquely suited to get this done.

It is of the utmost importance to extend Haiti's TPS designation, ensure Haitians in the U.S. are not sent back under dangerous circumstances, and coordinate with our international partners to address the deep challenges facing the country today. We look forward to hearing back on how we can work together here.

Sincerely,

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