

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

We write to respectfully request an immediate extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals currently residing in the United States beyond the February 3, 2026, expiration date. Haiti represents the most acute and dire humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere, now exacerbated by the effects of Hurricane Melissa that killed at least 43 people. These catastrophic humanitarian conditions in Haiti, driven by the ongoing political and security crisis fueled by the proliferation of violent gangs, make continuation of these protections statutorily appropriate and essential to America's moral values and national security interests.

Hurricane Melissa brought catastrophic flooding and widespread infrastructure damage to Haiti, destroying homes and displacing thousands, contaminating water supplies and agricultural land, damaging healthcare facilities, and eliminating roads and bridges needed for humanitarian aid. Haiti's absence of effective governmental institutions creates barriers to recovery efforts and the safe return of nationals. These conditions clearly require TPS extension under 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(1)(B).

Haitian TPS recipients have maintained full compliance with all statutory requirements. Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(a)(1)(A), they undergo regular re-registration during prescribed periods and pay all required fees to the Department of Homeland Security. TPS recipients are required to provide biometric and biographic information during their registrations and undergo thorough background checks, ensuring that recipients continue to meet all eligibility requirements and pose no threat to public safety or national security. Authorized to work under 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(a)(1)(B), they have become integral members of American communities that make essential contributions to healthcare, construction, food service, manufacturing, agriculture – including poultry and livestock operations, transportation, and other sectors of our economy. They pay federal, state, and local taxes, including Social Security and Medicare contributions.

If the Trump administration does not renew TPS for Haitians by February 2026, it will deal a significant blow to the American economy. Haitian TPS holders contribute \$4.4 billion annually to the United States economy and pay over a \$1 billion in taxes to the Internal Revenue Service annually that support our schools, roads, and bridges. Additionally, remittances from the United States exceeded \$4 billion annually in recent years—approximately 38 percent of Haiti's GDP. Eliminating TPS for Haitians would drastically aggravate the already fragile economic deterioration in Haiti, causing many to flee. Without renewing TPS, the U.S. will pay a higher burden to interdict migrants at sea, operate detention facilities, and stem the humanitarian crisis in Haiti that could very well be the difference between survival and starvation for millions of Haitian families.

Haiti faces the most dire humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere. Violent gangs have driven a security crisis that has seen more than 3,000 civilians killed this year, more than 1.4 million Haitians—or over 10 percent of the country's population—internally displaced, and half

the country's population experiencing life-threatening hunger. The multifaceted crisis has worsened this year, and we are deeply concerned the Administration is actively deporting Haitians back to life-threatening conditions and into gangs-controlled territory in Haiti. While the United States has supported multilateral stabilization efforts, including through coordination with Gang Suppression Force (GSF), these initiatives require time and sustained commitment to produce measurable security improvements. Allowing TPS to lapse would destabilize Haiti further, creating opportunities for adversary nations, including China and Russia, to establish greater footholds in a region of vital importance to American security. The Administration therefore must provide protected status to those contributing to the American economy and communities across the United States.

In light of these extraordinary conditions, we respectfully urge you to immediately extend Haiti's TPS designation for an additional 18 months, providing certainty to current beneficiaries and maintaining the humanitarian and economic support that benefits both TPS recipients and Haiti. We further request that you conduct a comprehensive review of conditions in Haiti, incorporating assessments from the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, and humanitarian organizations, and that you engage with Congress to explore legislative solutions providing more durable protections for Haitian nationals and other vulnerable populations.

The extension of TPS for Haiti is consistent with the statute's purpose, reflects the reality of conditions on the ground, and serves both our humanitarian values and our national security interests. Haitian TPS recipients have complied with all legal requirements, contributed meaningfully to American communities, and provide essential support to their families in Haiti.

We look forward to your prompt and favorable response to this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress



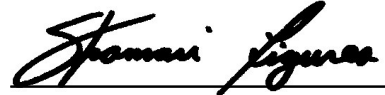
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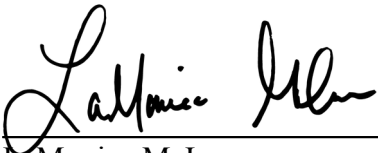
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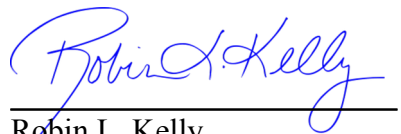
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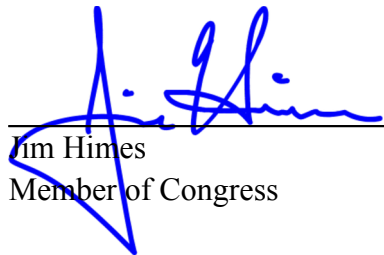
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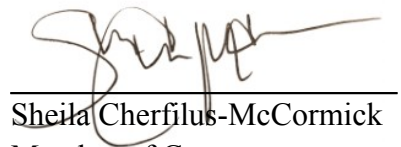
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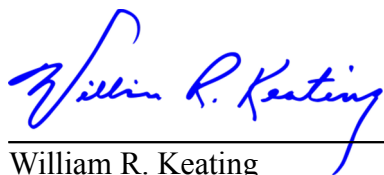
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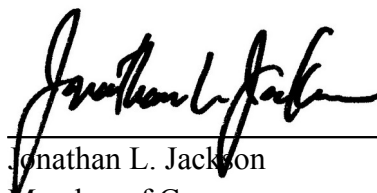
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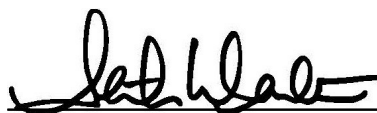
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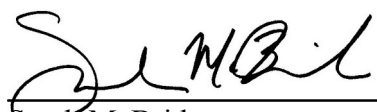
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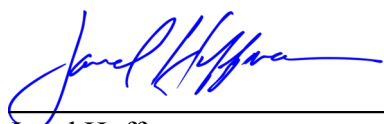
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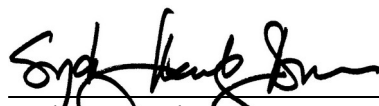
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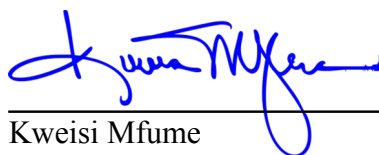
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