

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 10, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

We write to express our deep concern over your November 2025 decision to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti, effective February 3, 2026. Although a federal judge has temporarily stayed the termination of TPS, preserving protections while litigation continues, hundreds of thousands of Haitians lawfully living and working in the United States remain in legal uncertainty despite the catastrophic humanitarian and security crisis in Haiti that prevents a safe return.

The Republic of Haiti remains gripped by extraordinary political instability and the deterioration of civil society. Armed gangs control significant territory, violence and kidnappings have escalated, and basic governance functions have effectively collapsed. Access to healthcare, food, and public services is severely limited, and large portions of the population remain displaced. Consequently, these conditions continue to meet the statutory criteria that justified the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) original TPS designation and have only worsened over time.¹

Ending TPS would also impose immediate economic harm on communities across the United States because Haitian TPS holders are essential to the American workforce and economy. Haitian nationals contribute billions of dollars in economic activity each year and are highly represented in critical sectors such as healthcare, construction, food processing, and logistics.² In states like Delaware, Florida, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, and Georgia, they have found opportunity in many communities by filling workforce needs that are vital to local economies. Across the country, Haitian immigrants have started businesses, own property, and have given back through faith-based and community organizations. In other words, allowing TPS protections to lapse would disrupt employers, families, and communities overnight and threaten to forcibly remove Haitians from their homes.

When DHS last extended TPS for Haiti in June 2024, the department cited persistent insecurity, humanitarian need, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning

¹ Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the provision of Temporary Protected Status is warranted when ongoing armed conflict or other extraordinary and temporary conditions prevent the safe return of a country's nationals. *See* 8 U.S.C § 1254a(b)(1).

² Haitian Temporary Protected Status holders contribute an estimated \$5.9 billion annually to the U.S. economy and pay substantial federal, state, and local taxes, with large numbers working in critical workforce sectors. *See* FWD.us Haiti TPS Fact Sheet (Jan. 2026), https://www.fwd.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Haiti-TPS-Fact-Sheet_January-2026.pdf.

nationals.³ Those same conditions persist today. The department's subsequent decision not to extend TPS represents a departure from its own recent findings. It would expose individuals to grave danger, family separation, and undermine the very humanitarian purpose Congress intended TPS to serve.

We urge DHS to act in accordance with the law, facts on the ground, and America's longstanding commitment to humane immigration policy. DHS should immediately extend TPS for Haitian nationals and provide certainty to affected families and communities across the United States.

Sincerely,



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³ In June 2024, former Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas extended and redesignated Haiti's Temporary Protected Status for 18 months based on ongoing extraordinary conditions in the country, including widespread violence, insecurity, and limited access to safety, essential services, and basic needs. See Department of Homeland Security, *Secretary Mayorkas Announces Extension and Redesignation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status* (June 28, 2024), <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/secretary-mayorkas-announces-extension-and-redesignation-of-haiti-for-temporary-protected-status> .



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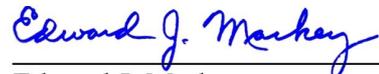
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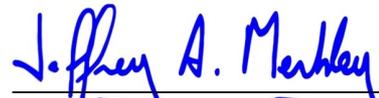
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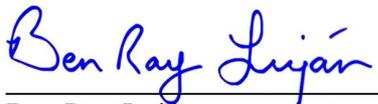
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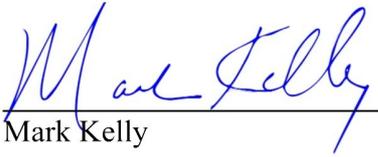
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