

May 5, 2017

The White House  
The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Greetings President Donald J. Trump:

This letter comes to you from the National Alliance for the Advancement of Haitian Professionals (NAAHP). Our organization's mission focuses on the advancement of Haitian professionals in the United States and abroad. Many of our organization's members have families, friends, and loved ones residing in Haiti and have witnessed Haiti survive not only the debilitating earthquake in January of 2010, but the destructiveness of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. The purpose of this letter is to urge you and the secretary of Homeland Security to extend the Temporary Protective Status (TPS) afforded to over 50,000 Haitian immigrants currently living in the United States.

Haiti is rebuilding and can not sustain another tragic blow, such as the influx of the over 50,000 Haitians who would be disavowed by the United States should the TPS were to expire. The United States was one of many countries that opened their hearts and arms to the citizens of Haiti in January 2010 after the earthquake. At the time of the original TPS extension, the US considered the conditions in Haiti and granted additional time for it to recover. Unfortunately, the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew has prolonged any recovery efforts. Furthermore, a cholera outbreak is crippling the population of Haiti. Taking the TPS recipients from a healthy and sustainable environment would be the equivalent of sentencing them to death by unimaginable environmental and socioeconomic conditions.

The US cannot turn its back on Haiti less than one year after another major natural disaster. We urge you to continue to allow those on the TPS to remain protected in the US. The conditions in Haiti, though slightly improved, are far from ready to resume sustaining the viability of the many Haitian immigrants who now reside in the United States. Furthermore, many of these TPS recipients have made homes and lives in the United States. Over 50,000 displaced Haitian immigrants are now valuable members to their communities, churches, schools, and their labor contributes to the strong American workforce.

NAAHP focuses on uplifting and engaging Haitian professionals, many of whom came to the United States or have relatives who came to the United States under the TPS. NAAHP supplies the tools and opportunities for Haitian professionals to succeed; as such we know that the best way for the recipients of the TPS to advance professionally and educationally is for them to remain in the United States. We help our members "find synergy between career advancement in their chosen field, philanthropy and social entrepreneurship as a means to engage in Haiti's ongoing rebuilding and development efforts." Help us continue our efforts, by allowing the Haitians who have TPS to remain in the United States under a new TPS extension.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Warm Regards,



Serge Renaud  
President

CC: Mr. John Kelly, Secretary of Homeland Security  
Mrs. Frederica Wilson, U.S. Representative, 24<sup>th</sup> District of Florida