

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

The Honorable John Thune  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Majority Leader Thune,

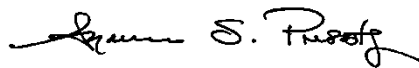
I write with an urgent request for your support to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haiti. There is a dire need to move swiftly to protect the lives and livelihoods of Americans and Haitians, alike. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1689, bipartisan legislation to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend Haiti's TPS designation. When the Senate brings forth this legislation for passage, I hope that you will support the best interests of our country and ally.

As you know, Haiti was designated for TPS because it is an important partner that has suffered from multiple natural disasters and political crises. The State Department currently designates Haiti as Level 4: Do Not Travel. While the global community continues to work to stabilize the country, it is critical to extend TPS for Haitians living in the United States.

If Haiti TPS is terminated, Americans will suffer. Approximately 330,000 Haitian TPS holders contribute \$5.9 billion to the U.S. economy each year and pay millions in federal, state, and local taxes. In addition to disproportionately serving in the healthcare sector as caregivers to our most vulnerable constituents, they work in construction and agriculture, meaning mass deportations of these workers would drive up the costs of medical care, housing, and groceries. Furthermore, if the island of Haiti is forced to receive an influx of people, it will severely undermine the progress of America's investments to increase safety and security in the Caribbean region.

Because this program has always received bipartisan support, we urge you to pass legislation to extend TPS to Haiti. It is quite literally a matter of life and death.

Sincerely,



Ayanna Pressley  
Member of Congress



Laura Gillen  
Member of Congress