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RE: Urgent Request to Extend Temporary Protected Status for Haiti

Dear Secretary Noem, Senator Thune and Representative Johnson,

We, the undersigned, write to express with urgency our strong support for extending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals currently living in the United States. We urge the Department of Homeland Security to extend and redesignate TPS for Haiti. Given the circumstances in Haiti, there is no justification for ending their TPS designation on February 3rd, 2026. In lieu of affirmative action taken by the executive branch, we want to go on record in support of Congress taking legislative action to secure this extension. We believe it is critical to ensure Temporary Protected Status for the Haitian community, many of whom have deep roots in Massachusetts and across the nation.

Massachusetts is proud to be home to one of the largest Haitian communities in the United States. Haitian residents are integral members of our neighborhoods, workplaces, and civic life. The positive impact the Haitian community continues to have on our Commonwealth cannot be overstated. Its historical relationship dates back centuries. In 1862, Republican U.S. Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts led the effort as chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to have the United States formally recognize Haiti as an independent nation, having won their independence in 1804.

The prospect of terminating TPS for Haiti would place more than 300,000 individuals nationwide at risk of return to a country that the United States government itself continues to recognize as unsafe. The U.S. Department of State has issued its highest-level travel advisories for Haiti, citing widespread gang violence, political instability, kidnappings, and the collapse of basic infrastructure, including health care and public safety systems. Humanitarian organizations report that large portions of the country remain inaccessible and that conditions necessary for safe return do not exist. Forcing individuals to return under these circumstances would expose them to serious harm.

Beyond the humanitarian implications, ending TPS would have far-reaching consequences for families and communities in Massachusetts. Ending TPS would have a devastating impact not only on the families that would be separated, but also on our state and its economy as a whole. Many TPS holders have lived in the United States for years, raising children, many of whom are U.S. citizens, and supporting extended families through lawful employment. The sudden loss of legal status and work authorization would destabilize households, separate families, disrupt workplaces, and strain local schools, employers, and service providers. Our health care system, in particular, relies heavily on the support, services, and expertise of thousands of Haitian health care professionals. From hospitals to health centers to home care, senior care, and long-term care, ending TPS for Haitian residents would create a major void that could not be filled.

The Haitian community are our constituents, colleagues, and neighbors. Extending TPS for Haiti would strengthen our communities and is in the public interest.

Given these far-reaching consequences, we support Congress taking action to extend and redesignate Temporary Protected Status for Haiti. Doing so would provide continuity, uphold family unity, and recognize the substantial contributions Haitian TPS holders make to our communities. An extension of TPS reflects both our shared humanitarian values and our practical responsibility to ensure stability for families who are deeply embedded in the fabric of the Commonwealth and the nation.

We ask that you act with urgency given the deadline imposed by DHS to end the TPS designation for Haiti.

Sincerely,

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