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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20032

The Honorable Joseph B. Edlow
Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
5900 Capital Gateway Drive
Camp Springs, MD 20588

Dear Secretary Mullin and Director Edlow:

I write to urge you to seriously reconsider the administration's decision to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals. New York is home to one of the largest Haitian communities in the country, including vibrant populations in New York City, Spring Valley, and across Long Island. I write to you on behalf of these constituents in light of the impending expiration of TPS and the associated Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) for Haitian nationals, which are set to lapse today, Friday, July 10, 2026.¹

The severe conditions that originally justified TPS for Haiti include widespread gang violence, deep social unrest, and an acute humanitarian crisis.² The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has not credibly shown that these conditions have abated. Beyond humanitarian interests, allowing Haitian nationals' work authorization to suddenly expire will deal a yet another blow to employers who rely on these individuals to fill essential roles supporting New Yorkers.

Removing Haitian TPS recipients will have a catastrophic impact on the nationwide healthcare workforce, as hospitals, emergency rooms, senior care facilities, and home care services continue hemorrhaging workers.³ Across New York State, Haitians are deeply integrated into our local economies as small business owners, teachers, and civic leaders. In Spring Valley and throughout Rockland County, they form a core part of our local care infrastructure. Notably, many serve as Direct Support Professionals caring for individuals with intellectual and

¹ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, *Update on Termination of Temporary Protected Status for Haiti* (July 1, 2026), <https://www.uscis.gov/save/current-user-agencies/news-alerts/update-on-termination-of-temporary-protected-status-for-haiti-release-july-01-2026>.

² Termination of the Designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status, 90 Fed. Reg. 54733 (Nov. 28, 2025), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/11/28/2025-21379/termination-of-the-designation-of-haiti-for-temporary-protected-status>.

³ Vanessa Romo, *The U.S. healthcare system is in crisis. A Supreme Court ruling could make things worse*, NPR (July 2, 2026), <https://www.npr.org/2026/07/02/nx-s1-5878415/haitian-tps-healthcare-immigration-supreme-court>.

developmental disabilities. My constituents further report that this would result in a sudden loss of trusted caregivers for some of New York's most vulnerable citizens. These are community members who depend on stable relationships to live safely, with dignity, and as independently as possible.

I recently joined my colleagues in the Senate to introduce S. 4814 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status – an effort that closely mirrors action in the House, where a companion bill recently passed with bipartisan support.⁴ While we explore pathways to address this crisis in Congress, this administration must act more immediately to redesignate TPS and extend current EADs to prevent immediate job disruptions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/votes/house/119-2/120>