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Dear Mr. President:

The White House

President Donald J. Trump

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

I write at this time to urge you to extend Haiti's current Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation. Though it has been several years since a devastating earthquake claimed the lives of more than 200,000 individuals, injured hundreds of thousands more, and devastated the nation's infrastructure and economy, the conditions in Haiti warrant continued TPS designation.

Since the Department of Homeland Security last renewed TPS for Haiti, Hurricane Matthew struck, killing more than 1,000 individuals and causing nearly \$2 billion in property damage. The hurricane also caused significant damage to Haiti's watersheds and natural resources, making it increasingly difficult to access clean water.

To make matters worse, this natural disaster struck the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere as it works to recover from a deadly cholera outbreak that has killed more than 10,000 people. These factors have significantly hindered efforts to rebuild Haiti more than 7 years after the deadly 2010 earthquake. Consequently, tens of thousands still remain in makeshift camps, with many living in unsanitary conditions.

Given these difficult circumstances, Haiti's TPS designation should be extended. This would enable TPS beneficiaries to thrive while Haiti builds its capacity to support them in the future.

Sincerely,

Rep. Mia Love

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