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STATE SENATOR DAPHNE CAMPBELL CALLS FOR EXTENSION OF HAITIAN REFUGEES' EMERGENCY STATUS

TALLAHASSEE, FL-State Senator Daphne Campbell (D-Miami) on Wednesday called on President Donald Trump to reconsider his administration's discriminatory plans to return Haitians seeking refuge from devastating natural disasters in their homeland. She also called for an extension on the time requirement for Temporary Protection Status (TPS) renewals. The designation allows individuals fleeing from natural disasters or armed conflicts to remain and work in this country without fear of deportation until home conditions have improved.

"I have received a plethora of cases of families in disarray who sought refuge from dangerous conditions in their home country. The TPS truly assists these individuals who have

lost everything, and would face horrendous conditions should they return now," said Senator Campbell.

TPS has granted relief to thousands of people temporarily residing in the United States, including roughly 50,000 Haitians who have fled their country. In a surprise move last week, the Trump Administration announced its recommendation that TPS be terminated for Haitians, despite the country's on-going struggles to recover from not only the 2010 earthquake but the devastation left by Hurricane Matthew late last year.

With a recent visit to Haiti during the country's Presidential Inauguration, Senator Campbell saw first-hand the long road to recovery Haiti still confronts. For example, approximately 60,000 people still live in camps erected following the earthquake, which claimed over 300,000 lives.

"TPS becomes especially precious and necessary because conditions in Haiti have not improved," she said. "I urge other elected officials to stand with me and to share the stories they hear from their constituents now in danger of deportation.

"These refugees are seeking neither charity nor pity. They're asking for the time and opportunity to work and contribute in this country while Haiti struggles to return to normalcy."

Senator Campbell urges you to call Congress and the

Trump administration and request to renew TPS in order to prevent needless deportations to a country that is not even close to a full recovery.

Without an extension, the current TPS for Haitians is set to expire on July 22nd.

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