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**129 Organizations and 200 Individuals Urge Extension of Haiti's TPS Designation,
Joining Bipartisan Political and Extensive Editorial and Religious Support**

Today 329 organizations and persons serving the Haitian American community [wrote](#) President Trump, Homeland Security Secretary Kelly, and Secretary of State Tillerson urging DHS to extend Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for another 18 months.

"We concur with USCIS's extremely detailed, 8-page single-spaced December 2016 review and assessment that the conditions warranting TPS for this group persist," they wrote, noting bipartisan political and other support including powerful editorials by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Miami Herald*, *Sun Sentinel*, *Palm Beach Post*, and *New York Daily News*.

Incomplete earthquake recovery, an unchecked cholera epidemic introduced by UN peacekeepers in October 2010 that has claimed nearly a million victims, and last October's devastating Hurricane Matthew make deporting 50,000 long-resident TPS recipients unsafe, they write, noting that Haiti can't safely assimilate them or replace the crucial remittances they send back to as many as 500,000 family members.

Failing to extend TPS would be a disaster for families here and in Haiti, destabilizing, and bad for US national security, the leaders note.

Recently 416 faith-based organizations and leaders urged TPS extension, and on May 11 Republican U.S. Representative Dan Donovan, Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness joined 18 U.S. Senators and 72 other U.S. Representatives of both parties who wrote earlier letters urging Haiti TPS extension; Donovan wrote that not doing so would be destabilizing and bad for the economy of both nations.

Today's [letter](#), sent on a unique letterhead including the logos of 38 of the endorsing organizations, notes that President Trump promised during the campaign to be the Haitian American community's "champion." DHS Secretary Kelly must decide whether to extend Haiti's TPS status, which Haiti's government is urging, by May 23.