

The Transcript for *Libète ak Jistis | Fight Haitian Immigration Injustice* is below

### **Voice of Holden Pierre**

**Pierre:** The main reason why I joined this fight was to say that I don't want someone else to fight this fight for me. I want to be part of it.

**Pierre:** I was born in Haiti, and I left when I was around 7 years old. It's a home that I never fully knew. I still remember some scenes when I was younger, going to the countryside to my grandmother's house. I love Haiti, but the U.S. is what I know as home. Since I was young, I've lived here, I've made friends, built my connections. I feel like this is the place I've known. Going to Haiti is going back to a place that I used to know and I don't know at all. It's not ready. It's not in a position to help me with the future that I want for myself and my family.

... [No hate. No fear. Immigrants are welcome here]

**Pierre:** There's a lot of things that people can do. The first thing is to educate yourself. Because mainly with some of the things that Trump has said, there seems to be a direct target towards immigrants—specifically black immigrants and then specifically Haitian immigrants.

**Pierre:** But this is not about immigration, but ways about keeping families together. Yeah, it's troubling because, for me, I sometimes try to look at things from other people's perspectives and it doesn't make sense why they're trying to push people away--mainly people who have TPS. Because these are people who their country are not ready to take them in.

**Pierre:** Glory to God, Glory to God. The Word of God is my force.