



December 14, 2015

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

As a lifelong advocate and longtime representative of South Florida's large Haitian community, I write to share my constituents' concerns about Haiti's 2015 elections; to advocate for an independent, Haitian-led verification of the October vote; and to request stronger measures aimed at reducing irregularities and enhancing the credibility of the run-off scheduled for December 27, 2015.

This past October, I traveled to Haiti as part of a bipartisan congressional delegation to observe the first round of voting for their presidential election. Despite the many challenges voters faced, the process was relatively smooth and less violent than the August parliamentary elections. However, in the ensuing weeks, my Haitian constituents and Haitian advocates have expressed concerns about allegations of fraud, ranging from ballot tampering to monitors' misuse of accreditation passes.

Given our nation's enduring relationship with Haiti and our leadership of the global coalition working to ensure peaceful and democratic elections, I urge you to advocate for a Haitian-led, independent review of the October election results and measures that will strengthen the credibility of the upcoming run-off election, including potentially postponing the election. I firmly believe that fair and credible elections are critical first steps toward helping the Haitian people build a legitimate government and move beyond the disasters, both natural and man-made, that have devastated their nation.

Lastly, I respectfully request a briefing on Haiti's elections and to further discuss my constituents' concerns. Thank you for your consideration and outstanding commitment to strengthening U.S.-Haiti relations.

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson
Member of Congress