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HAITIANS SUE TRUMP ADMIN OVER TERMINATION OF CRITICAL TPS RELIEF

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WASHINGTON, D.C., -- Today, five TPS holders represented by Kurzban Kurzban Tetzeli & Pratt, Just Futures Law, Giskan Solotaroff & Anderson and Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner filed a class action <u>lawsuit</u> against the Trump Administration for unlawfully terminating Haiti's TPS designation. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in the District of Columbia and impacts hundreds of thousands of Haitian nationals who will suffer extraordinary harm if deported to unsafe and dangerous conditions in Haiti.

"Haiti is a nation in chaos. Even Secretary Noem admits that. The decision to strip critical TPS protections despite the extraordinary conditions in Haiti is not just cruel, it's also unlawful," said **Sejal Zota, Legal Director for Just Futures Law.** "The Administration cannot reverse-engineer the facts to justify its politically-motivated decision to terminate."

"It's difficult to put words to what Haitian immigrant communities throughout the United States are experiencing right now," said **Raymond Audain, an attorney at Giskan Solotaroff & Anderson** in New York. "I'm inspired by the courageous plaintiffs in this case, who are standing up for those communities, and for the rule of law in this country."

"The long history of racial and national origin discrimination against Haitians must end here and now," said co-counsel **Ira Kurzban of Kurzban, Kurzban, Tetzeli and Pratt**. "Haitians in the U.S. are the quintessential example that motivated Congress to establish Temporary Protected Status in 1990. The administration, by false statements and a misapplication of the law, should not be permitted to render that protection a nullity."

"Ending TPS uproots Haitians who are legally in the U.S. and contributing to communities and workplaces," said **Brian Concannon, Executive Director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti**, a collaborator on the case. "It sends them to a Haiti controlled by gangs armed with US weapons, suffering from famine and economic disaster."

On July 1, 2025, a federal court in the Eastern District of New York ruled that DHS Secretary Noem unlawfully accelerated the end of TPS for Haiti. The court granted the Plaintiffs' motion and set aside the early termination date. TPS for Haiti remains in effect until February 3, 2026.

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