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Honorable John Thune
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Chuck Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510

Re: 104 Mayors, Cities, Local Officials Call on U.S. Senate to Pass S. 4814 and Extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti

Honorable Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer,

As mayors and local leaders from communities across the United States, we write to urge the U.S. Senate to act immediately to protect our families, local businesses, health care institutions, and communities from the great harms caused by the expiration of Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) for Haiti. Congressional action is now necessary to restore legal status and work authorization to more than 350,000 Haitian TPS holders, following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Mullin v. Doe* and one of the largest de-legalization events in U.S. history. We ask that you act with utmost urgency to pass [S. 4814](#), which would extend TPS for Haiti until early 2029, and assert Congress’s power to act in the face of injustice and disregard for our residents and communities. We offer the following arguments in support.

The United States government’s official position is that Haiti remains unsafe, justifying Congressional extension of TPS.

The former Secretary of Homeland Security’s decision to end TPS for more than 350,000 people living and working legally in the United States flies in the face of the federal government’s own understanding of the conditions on the ground in Haiti. The State Department has applied a “Level 4: Do Not Travel” warning to Haiti, and the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a Notice to Airmen that prohibits U.S. air carriers from flying to Port-au-Prince.¹ The State Department’s advisory is driven by concerns of “rampant” violent crime and “widespread” risks of kidnapping. Circumstances in Haiti are so dire that the federal government encourages U.S. citizens to prepare proof of life protocols and write a will prior to traveling.² These extreme measures are justified by realities on the ground: more than 8,100 killings were

¹ [Haiti Travel Advisory](#), U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/haiti-travel-advisory.html> (last visited July 24, 2026); FED. AVIATION ADMIN., KICZ A0024/26 NOTAM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FLIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF HAITI (2026).

² [Haiti Travel Advisory](#), U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/haiti-travel-advisory.html> (last visited July 24, 2026).

documented between January and November 2025, and violent gangs control wide swaths of territory in the country.³

Congress's failure to protect Haitian TPS holders puts them in immediate danger. The conditions in Haiti have only worsened since the last time the Trump Administration extended TPS for Haiti in 2017.

Ending TPS for Haiti will damage the economy and harm communities across the United States.

350,000 Haitian TPS holders have earned their place in America as workers, taxpayers, and leaders in our communities. In the 16 years since TPS for Haiti was established, Haitian TPS holders have contributed greatly to our local economies, including filling tens of thousands of health care jobs and working in other essential roles. Following the Supreme Court's wrongful decision in *Mullin v. Doe*, these workers and their families will be subject to the loss of status, loss of work authorization, and threat of deportation if Congress does not act.

Local governments and their leaders, including many of the signatories to this letter, argued as *amici* in *Mullin v. Doe* that the Secretary's decision was unlawful. The amicus brief made clear that TPS holders provide immense value to our communities and described the disorder that would result from putting 350,000 people at risk of immediate removal from the U.S.⁴ Removing legal status from hundreds of thousands of hard-working, law-abiding community members will create massive disruptions for health care providers,⁵ other employers, and our social safety nets. It will also harm the country's economy—Haitian TPS holders contribute between \$4.4 billion and \$5.9 billion annually.⁶ Parents will be forced to make the impossible choice to either leave their American citizen children behind or remain together in highly dangerous conditions. Instead of being allowed to lawfully work and contribute, TPS holders will be subject to immediate removal from their homes of many years. Surges in federal immigration activity will endanger our residents and strain local law enforcement and first responders.

Congress has the authority to act now to extend TPS.

Although the Administration and the Court have failed to act responsibly, Congress can still protect TPS for Haiti.⁷ But it must act urgently. The House passed [H.R. 1689](#) in April, and now, the Senate must pass S. 4814.

TPS status may be applied when “conditions in [a] country. . . temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its

³ Daniel Dickinson, [Haiti explained: why the crisis is deepening — and what comes next](#), UN News (January 21, 2026), <https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/01/1166801>.

⁴ See [Amicus Brief](#) of Local Governments, *Mullin v. Doe*, No. 25-1083, (2026).

⁵ See *Id.* Many Haitian TPS holders are caregivers working in health, disability, and elder-care fields that have faced a workforce crisis caused by extreme labor shortages. An estimated 13,000 Haitian TPS holders are nursing assistants, and an additional 8,000 are caregivers. Miriam Jordan, [Haitians Are Vital to U.S. Health Care. Many Are About to Lose Their Right to Work](#), N.Y. Times (Jan. 29, 2026), <https://perma.cc/6VPJ-DY9P> (“Haitians filled about 111,000 health care positions in the United States in 2023...”); [Haitian TPS Holders Make the U.S. Stronger](#), UndocuBlack Network, Haitian Bridge Alliance, & FWD.us (Jan. 2026), <https://perma.cc/BRB9-ABJV>.

⁶ See Letter from Maura Healey, Governor of Mass., to Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Dep’t of Homeland Security (Jan. 30, 2026), <https://perma.cc/9FYM-H4YB> (estimated contribution of \$4.4 billion); [Haitian TPS Holders Make the U.S. Stronger](#), UndocuBlack Network, Haitian Bridge Alliance, & FWD.us (Jan. 2026), <https://perma.cc/BRB9-ABJV> (estimated contribution of \$5.9 billion).

⁷ *Mullin v. Doe*, 609 U.S. ___, slip. op. at 13 (2026) (Holding that the Secretary of Homeland Security's decision to terminate TPS for Haiti was not subject to judicial review).

nationals adequately.”⁸ The conditions in Haiti today are precisely what Congress had in mind when establishing TPS, and Congress has the authority to extend protections where the Secretary has failed to.

Terminating Haiti’s TPS designation—even as the U.S. government itself acknowledges the country’s extreme danger—contradicts longstanding U.S. policy and undermines the very purpose established by Congress for the TPS program. We are urging you to pass S. 4814 to protect our residents and the institutions that rely on their contributions.

Sincerely,



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Additional Signatories

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The City of Cincinnati, Ohio
The City and County of Denver, Colorado
The City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts
The Village of Hempstead, New York
The City of Lima, Ohio
The City of New York, New York
The City of Omaha, Nebraska
The City of Portland, Oregon
The County of Santa Clara, California

⁸ Temporary Protected Status, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status> (last visited July 24, 2026).

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