

lacking government control contribute to the chaos.

Last January, you issued an order to re-designate TPS status for Haitian citizens through August 3, 2024; however this only applied to those Haitian citizens who can clearly demonstrate continuous residence in the U.S. dating back to November 6, 2022.

Unfortunately, since then we have seen the influx of hundreds of Haitian citizens into our communities who have newly arrived to the U.S. fleeing the violence in Haiti, and none of these individuals, under your previous order, are eligible for TPS. Therefore, we ask that you issue an addendum to your previous order to allow Haitian citizens who arrived as of January 1, 2024, to apply for TPS status to protect them from dangerous conditions and allow them to lawfully remain in the U.S. during this period of extreme strife and violence in Haiti.

2. **Urge/Direct OPLA/ICE to agree to exercise Prosecutorial Discretion to terminate removal proceedings pursuant to the authority and direction in the Mayorkas Memo.** Many Haitian newcomers are facing imminent removal proceedings. The Mayorkas Memo provides that the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) may agree to or move to terminate removal proceedings for immigrants that are not enforcement priorities. Enforcement priorities include those immigrants who are considered threats to national security, public safety or border security. These Haitian newcomers are not enforcement priorities and thus fit the criteria for termination of removal proceedings pursuant to the Mayorkas Memo, as they did not enter the U.S. unlawfully and have no criminal records. ICE has been exercising its Prosecutorial Discretion (PD) to terminate removal proceedings for many other immigrants, even those from countries that are not experiencing emergencies like Haiti's. Haitians should also be benefiting from the Mayorkas Memo PD, yet initial pro se PD motions to OPLA by this group have been unsuccessful. CARECEN DC , the Haitian Bridge Alliance and others are re-submitting these motions, and ICE should be encouraged/directed to agree to them as these cases qualify for termination pursuant to the Mayorkas Memo.
3. **DHS should exercise its discretion to renew and extend humanitarian parole periods granted previously to Haitians to allow beneficiaries to apply for or/and extend their work permits.** DHS has the authority to renew these paroles for humanitarian reasons, which would allow migrants to seek or renew work permits while they are in the U.S. Work permits would help relieve the substantial economic burden currently falling on local governments, and allow the migrants to be self-sufficient, contribute to the labor force, and pay taxes without becoming victims of labor exploitation and trafficking in the cash workforce market.

Thank you for your partnership and your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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