

United States Senate

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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

We call on you to schedule H.R. 1689, a bill requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), for a floor vote immediately upon the Senate's return to session in September. This legislation, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives with bipartisan support in April 2026, would preserve TPS protections for more than 300,000 Haitian nationals.

Haiti continues to endure overlapping crises. Political instability, widespread violence, and a devastating humanitarian emergency prevent people from reaching hospitals, attending school, or accessing basic services. Armed groups now control much of Port-au-Prince, restricting movement and forcing more than five million people into food insecurity. At the same time, natural disasters — including earthquakes, hurricanes, and recurrent flooding — have further damaged infrastructure that was already stretched to its limits. Together, these forces have left millions of Haitians at great risk of starvation, injury, and violence.

TPS is a humanitarian immigration designation that allows nationals of countries experiencing extraordinary conditions, such as armed conflict or environmental disasters, to live and work legally in the United States without facing deportation. H.R. 1689 would restore TPS protection for Haitians following the program's termination in June and would meet an undeniable humanitarian catastrophe with compassion.

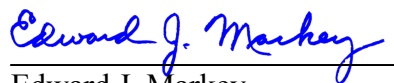
TPS holders are our friends, our neighbors, and our colleagues. In cities and towns across Massachusetts and Delaware, Haitian TPS holders have lived, worked, and been valuable members of our communities for years. They deserve the stability of preserving their status, the dignity to live without fear, and the security of not being returned to danger.

We strongly urge you to lead on this issue by bringing H.R. 1689 to the floor without delay when the Senate reconvenes. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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