

October 5, 2021

The Honorable (first and last name of Senator/Congressperson)

Via electronic mail to:

RE: Urgent request for immediate protection for Haitians

Dear Honorable Senator/Congressperson's (last name):

My name is _____ and I am a resident of the state of _____, specifically within the _____ congressional district. As a voting constituent, I request that you vote to approve laws that will protect the Haitians in the United States and offer a pathway to citizenship for those living in Haiti and here. The inhumane treatment of the Haitian migrants at the U.S. Southern border in Texas has placed a new stain on the fabric of this country. The American people will not forget those horrific images of border patrol agents on horseback charging at Haitian migrants. It truly signaled a low moment in U.S. history and we want to change this image.

As my (Senator/Congressperson), you have the power to change this injustice by approving laws and taking the following corrective steps:

1. Grant Humanitarian Parole to all Haitian Migrants
2. Immediately halt all deportations, removals, and expulsions of Haitian migrants
3. Provide access and contact information for the various migrants who were released so that pro bono or low-cost immigration attorneys can communicate with them about their potential claims
4. Provide access to vaccinations to those willing and qualified to be vaccinated
5. Fund a Resettlement Program designed and implemented by Haitian-American professionals and service providers which includes housing and the support of government funded employment services
6. Create a law like the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 (**CAA**), the Special Agricultural Workers (**SAW**) Visa of 1985 or the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (**HRIFA**) of 1998 to give all Haitians a pathway to citizenship

In addition to the above listed points advanced by other Haitian American Organizations, I would also ask that the United States consider:

- (a) reparations to Haiti for the 19-year occupation that failed to deliver meaningful change to Haiti, but rather exacerbated its dependency on the U.S.; reparations for the destabilization of Haiti's economy along with the pauperization of its peasants due to the killing of the indigenous porcine population and the crippling of its rice production in favor of U.S.-imported rice—among other things. They need infrastructure like roads, electricity, water, and trees from deforestation; or
- (b) alternatively, expand the [May 22, 2021](#), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to include the Haitian Migrants who arrived after the president was assassinated in July, the earthquake in August and the ongoing social unrest from the gangs in the country.

It has been more than 215 years since Haiti declared their independence and the international community turned their backs on them because they were Black people who gained their freedom from slavery in a world led by slave-owning countries. Let us not wait any longer to fix this historically significant injustice of failing to give them greater acknowledgement, by acting at this moment and time.

Our country's diverse communities should be uplifted, but first among firsts should be the Haitian people. The two nations share historical bonds that should be taught and made widely accessible, so that the American people may grasp the full measure of the Haitian people and their significant contribution to the U.S.'s development and standing in the world. Furthermore, this gesture is an opportunity to build bridges that can only help to unite our beloved countries towards social equity, diversity, and inclusion in the struggle against systemic racism.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my views on the issue. I request a timely reply from you on the matter and will continue monitoring the issue.

Sincerely,

(signature)

Your name, printed.

Complete mailing address

