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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, and Committee Chairs,

I write in strong support of An Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status (H.R. 1689/S.4814), which would extend Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") for Haitians. Without swift action on this legislation, hundreds of thousands of TPS holders across the country will imminently lose their legal status and authorization to work with catastrophic humanitarian and economic impacts.

Massachusetts is home to one of the largest Haitian populations in the nation, including more than 45,000 Haitian TPS holders. Many have lived and worked in Massachusetts for well over a decade since DHS first designated Haiti for TPS protection in 2010. Haitian TPS holders are essential contributors to our state's workforce, filling roles that are vital to our economic stability and growth. Across industries—from healthcare and long-term care to transportation, hospitality, and construction—these workers help keep our economy running. The sudden loss of their legal status and work authorization would be devastating for our state.

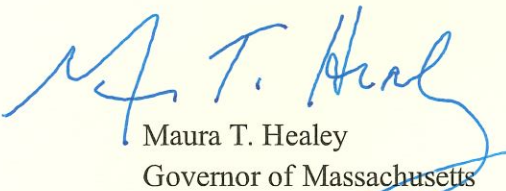
In healthcare in particular, Haitian TPS holders play an indispensable role in providing essential services. They care for our most vulnerable residents, serving as nurses, home health aides, certified

nursing assistants, technicians, and support staff in hospitals, community health centers, nursing homes, and home-based care settings. At a time when Massachusetts, like much of the nation, faces persistent workforce shortages, these professionals are helping us meet the needs of patients, seniors, and people with disabilities. The Massachusetts Senior Care Association alone has estimated that up to 2,000 of their workers may lose work authorization due to the Supreme Court decision. Stripping TPS holders of their ability to work would significantly worsen staffing shortages, increase health care costs, reduce access to care, and place additional strain on an already stressed healthcare system.

TPS holders contribute significantly to our economy and our communities. Nationwide, Haitian TPS holders contribute an estimated \$5.9 billion annually to the U.S. economy, while TPS holders across all designated countries contribute approximately \$29 billion each year and pay an estimated \$7.8 billion in combined federal, state, and local taxes. Many are homeowners, parents of U.S.-citizen children, and long-term residents who have built their lives here and are committed to the future of our state. Abrupt workforce losses would weaken industries already facing labor shortages, increase costs for American consumers, reduce tax revenues, and slow economic growth.

I urge Congress to take immediate action to extend TPS protections for Haiti. Forcing Haitian TPS holders to return to a country that has faced repeated natural disasters, economic crisis, widespread violence and political instability goes against the very purpose of TPS, which protects individuals already in the United States who cannot safely return to their home country. I commend the House of Representatives for passing An Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status (H.R.1689) and urge the Senate to take similar action and pass legislation allowing Haitians in our communities to continue to meet critical workforce needs and contribute to our economy.

Sincerely,



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