



Release: Advocates' Win on TPS Extension and Redesignation Will Bring Urgent Relief, Safety for Haitian Community

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Washington — Today, the Department of Homeland Security announced an extension and redesignation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti. The extension announced is for an additional 18 month-period, from February 4, 2023 through August 3, 2024. Additionally, the redesignation provides relief for Haitian nationals residing in the United States as of November 6, 2022. The TPS DED Administrative Advocacy Coalition applauds the administration's decision to provide continued protection for Haitians during this crisis. We commend the leadership of Haitian Bridge Alliance in making this outcome possible.

In a statement following the decision, Guerline Jozef, Co-founder and Executive Director of Haitian Bridge Alliance, the Black Immigrants Bail Fund, and founding member of Cameroon Advocacy Network, said "We welcome this much-needed and overdue announcement from the Biden administration. We rejoice and celebrate with our Haitian siblings and stand undeterred, in solidarity as we continue to work with and for the Haitian and Haitian-American communities. We are grateful for all our partner organizations, many of whom supported the [letter](#) led by the Haitian Bridge Alliance calling for the extension and redesignation of TPS for Haiti. This is another example of 'Anpil men, chay pa lou.' We acknowledge that there is much work to be done to welcome all people in need of protection with dignity and center the voices and narratives of Black migrants and immigrants. As we celebrate, we urge for the swift release of the Federal Register Notice as well as the release of all Haitians currently in immigration detention centers. We also call for the same protection for all deserving of safety, such as Nationals from Mauritania, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and others."

"Today's decision secures protection for thousands of Haitians in the United States living in fear and uncertainty. Although we are elated, we do acknowledge that this decision came after much advocacy, leading to fears in the hearts and minds of Haitians all across the country," said Taisha Saintil, Advocacy, and Communications Associate and Founding Member of Cameroon Advocacy Network. "It is without a doubt that the Biden Administration not only made the morally right decision but also the one that makes the most sense for the United States. As highlighted by a report by [FWD.us](#), Haitians who are living in the U.S. and are currently eligible for TPS contribute \$2.6 billion to our economy each year, and 81% of them are in the labor force, providing essential services at a time of worker shortages and high inflation. This redesignation of TPS allows more Haitians in the U.S. to enroll in the program and contribute their skills and talents to American communities and the American workforce. As we continue to fight with our allies to ensure the total eradication of anti-Blackness within the immigration system, we take this moment today to thank the administration for this decision."

The calls for TPS for Haiti were supported by several members of Congress, who told President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas in their [letter](#) that, the country is currently experiencing one of its worst outbreaks of violence and humanitarian crisis in decades.

“With conditions so dire in Haiti, this announcement brings enormous relief to many community members who have survived some of the worst crises imaginable,” said Lora Adams, Co-coordinator of the TPS-DED Administrative Advocacy Coalition. “With armed groups kidnapping Haitians, terrorizing Haiti, and committing violent crimes, it was important that the United States upheld its [commitments](#) to protect vulnerable Haitians in need of safety. We applaud the Biden administration for showing courage and making sure that the United States lives up to our best values in welcoming Haitians.”

“At a time when too many political leaders are using immigrants to create division and anger, it is commendable that the administration is taking action to remind us of our best values,” said Ramya Reddy, Co-coordinator of the TPS-DED Administrative Advocacy Coalition. “We additionally urge the administration to provide continued TPS relief for communities in need of protection from danger and instability in their countries.”

The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.

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