



HAITIAN MINISTRY THEOPHILE CHURCH IN CHRIST, INC.

January 8, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Congressman Ryan,

The Haitian Ministry Theophile Church in Christ, Inc. and our fellow faith leaders in the great state of Georgia and throughout the country greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus-Christ and pray that you and your family are receiving the fullness of God's blessings.

We, the Faith-based leaders would like to thank you for your efforts in helping our Haitian brothers and sisters continued with their Temporary Protected Status program (TPS) here in the US. However, due to the current conditions of Haiti after the horrible earthquake that killed over 300,000 and over 1.5 million injured and displaced in 2010, followed by a cholera outbreak that killed thousands of people and continues to sicken people across the country right now. In addition, the southern part of Haiti was destroyed by hurricane Matthew in October of 2016, Mr. Speaker, not much has been done to reconstruct Haiti since 2010.

We, the faith-based leaders and churches represented by the attached signatures, join together to ask you to introduce a resolution that would provide a path to permanent residency for the thousands of Haitians and foreign citizens who participate in the temporary program that allows them to work and live the United States. The legislation would give them the peace of mind to continue giving back to their communities, contributing to the US economy and supporting their families until the current congress can work on the immigration system.

Therefore, we urge you to introduce the resolution and comprehensive immigration reform legislation, which includes: works to maintain family unity in all elements of the immigration system; Protects the most vulnerable, especially refugees and asylum seekers; Respects the rights of U.S. and immigrant workers and Ensure the human rights of immigrant families are protected as immigration laws are enforced.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. J. Billy Beaufils and colleagues