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Dear President Bush / Secretary Chertoff:

Please designate the country of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for a period of 18 months. The present deepening crisis in Haiti warrants this action to assure the safety of Haitians presently in the United States.

The United States continues to issue travel warnings advising U.S. citizens of the dangers of traveling to Haiti based on the volatile situation. At the same time, the U.S. is returning Haitians to a country destabilized by political turmoil, armed conflict, environmental disaster, high unemployment, high rate of kidnapping, and massive starvation. The ongoing violence and the deadly environmental disasters mean that Haitians in the U.S. desperately need the protection of TPS.

TPS would permit Haitians presently in the United States to remain here and qualify for work authorization. Eighteen months of TPS will assure their safety until the situation in Haiti is resolved and the present acts of violence are brought to an end and order and security is restored in Haiti.

TPS program was established to provide protection to people who are temporarily unable to return to their homelands because of a serious ongoing-armed conflict – exactly the situation in Haiti now. Please affirm the United States tradition of caring for and protecting persons in vulnerable situations by granting TPS to Haitians.

Sincerely,

[Your name and contact information]