

Our goal is to help protect our 330,000 Haitian neighbors by ensuring they are able to stay in this country through the extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by urging Senators to co-sponsor [S. 4814](#). The victory in the House was historic and unprecedented, only made possible by thousands of constituent calls from *you!* We need the same effort for the Senate, especially given the recent SCOTUS decision. Below is a simple step-by-step guide.

## Step 1: Open the [Spreadsheet](#) of Senators offices & their contact information

### Quick Orientation:

- **Column A:** Whether the Senator has officially signed the petition. If they have, their name will not be on this list (updated daily).
- **Columns B–M:** The Senator's name, district, phone number, and staffer's email addresses.
- **Column N:** Any important notes to know for the call.

### Quick Notes:

- You do not need to limit yourself to calling just your state or district's Senators, but if you do see your Senator on the list, call them first and prioritize calling them daily!

## Step 2: Make the Call

Call the number in Column E

When connected, use the script below, filling in the highlights (feel free to make it your own 😊):

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent from [TOWN]/volunteer with the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti/[your affiliated organization]. May I please speak to your legislative director?"

*(More than likely won't be there. However, please read the script to the intern who answered the phone and ask them to pass the message along; or legislative director if you are able to speak with them)*

I am calling to urge Senator \_\_\_\_\_ co-sponsor S.4814 to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. Time is of the essence: The lives and families of 330,000 Haitians are at risk now that the Supreme Court has ruled. Thus, I would ask Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to join 19 of [his/her] colleagues and co-sponsor the bill as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration."

- *If you did not get in contact with the Legislative Director, ask for their email address and the email of the immigration aide. Please record these in the spreadsheet if they are different than the ones listed.*
- *If offices ask, they can become a co-sponsor simply by reaching out to Senator Markey's office.*
- *If you get voicemail, you can use essentially the same script.*

- *If someone asks for your Zip code and you are calling a Senator outside your state, I usually just say “I do not live in your district but I am working with people who do, and this is a national issue.”*

### **Step 3: Send a Follow-Up Email**

Copy and paste this email (fill in/change information as needed and again, feel free to make it your own with whatever message compels you or use the supplementary information below).

**Subject Line:** URGENT: Protect TPS for Haitians — Co-Sponsor S. 4814

Good morning/Good afternoon/Good evening,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from [town]/a volunteer with the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti/[affiliated organization]. I just [spoke to your office/left your office a voicemail]. I am writing to urge Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to co-sponsor Senate Bill 4814 to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. This is very urgent given the recent Supreme Court decision: the lives and families of over 330,000 Haitians are at risk. The cancellation also threatens significant disruptions in critical economic sectors such as health, food processing, hospitality and construction. Thus, I would ask the Senator to join 19 of [his/her] colleagues and co-sponsor the bill as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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### **Supplementary Information (to be used in emails, calls, etc. as desired/needed):**

#### *Economic*

- Haitian TPS holders fill an estimated 200,000 jobs, especially in critical economic sectors such as healthcare, food processing, construction, manufacturing and hospitality that struggle to fill positions.
- They contribute \$5.9 billion to the economy and pay \$1.5 billion in state and federal taxes.
- Cancellation of Haitian TPS would force American employers to absorb \$967 million in direct employee turnover and replacement costs, hitting small-to-medium businesses hardest. Additional costs would be imposed on patients, insurance companies, and state health programs.
- Cancelling TPS would remove 13,000 certified nursing assistants and 8,000 professional caregivers from an already-depleted labor pool – nursing homes and hospital wings may not be able to meet staffing ratios and may be forced to close.
- The agricultural sector relies on 15,000 Haitian TPS farm workers, 22,000 grocery employees, and even more meat factory workers; hospitality on the 22,000 cooks and servers and 5,000 hotel cleaners. If Haitian TPS is cancelled, all of these industries will be affected, passing elevated prices onto consumers.

#### *Humanitarian*

- Gangs control 90% of Port-au-Prince, and large areas elsewhere. The country has the highest murder rate in the world and has the seventh highest Global Hunger Index score in the world.
- The US State Department's website warns "Do Not Travel to Haiti due to the risk of crime, terrorism, kidnapping, unrest, and limited health care." Additionally, the FAA has prohibits flights over their airspace.
- TPS for Haitians has been repeatedly renewed as a series of temporary crises have struck the country. The Trump administration renewed Haitian TPS in 2017 because of damage from Hurricane Matthew and subsequent destructive rains. Most recently, the Biden administration renewed TPS on July 1, 2024, because armed group attacks have left Haiti one of the most unstable, dangerous and hungry countries in the world.
- United States Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz noted last year that "we have gangs that are terrorizing communities, extorting families, recruiting children to commit horrors on behalf of the gang leaders."