

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

January 11, 2011

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

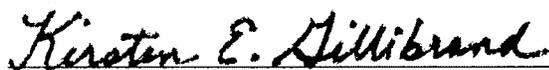
Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to currently eligible Haitian nationals residing within our borders. As you are aware, TPS is set to expire on July 22, 2011, and the deadline for registration is January 18<sup>th</sup> of this year. We ask that the TPS designation for Haitian nationals be extended for one year, expiring July 22, 2012, with a commensurate extension for registration. As the anniversary of the earthquake approaches, and the Haitian people continue to face enormous challenges, we strongly believe that the extension of TPS and the remittances that result from it will be integral to our country's commitment to rebuilding the island nation.

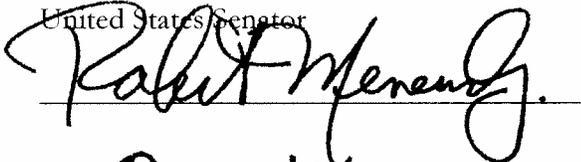
One year after the earthquake, over a million displaced people still live in tent camps while conditions in the country continue to deteriorate. It is apparent that substantive reconstruction has barely begun and significant progress will continue to face obstacles in the near future. As witnessed in the recent demonstrations following the Haitian general elections, civil strife and unrest continue to pervade the populace at large. With the growing cholera epidemic, the situation in Haiti is especially dangerous and volatile.

Many of us have witnessed this devastation firsthand during various trips to Haiti over the course of the past year. Haiti continues to meet the criteria for TPS designation and extending it would be one way to address this catastrophe. Remittances garnered by those with TPS will also continue to alleviate burdens on American financial assistance. We respectfully request that you extend the expiration date on TPS to Haitian nationals in the United States as soon as possible.

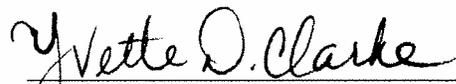
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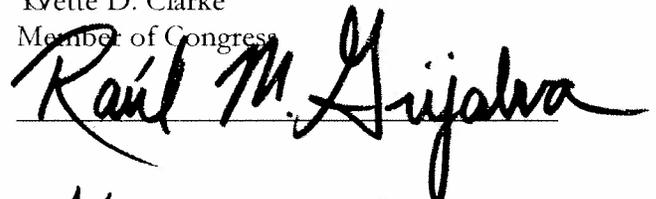
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