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February 5, 2015

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

Given the vast history of the United States' efforts to promote democracy in the Republic of Haiti, it is also our responsibility to ensure that free and fair elections are held and that transitions of power occur in a responsible and judicial manner. It is my great concern that neither of these responsibilities have been met. The elections in 2015 were undoubtedly marred by allegations of fraud and misconduct creating an atmosphere of distrust amongst the Haitian people.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Caribbean Caucus and a representative of the largest Haitian-American community in the United States, I write this letter to express my deep concern with the rapidly deteriorating political and social crisis unfolding in the Republic of Haiti. With the deadline for a transition of power in Haiti's Presidency quickly approaching, I respectfully urge the State Department to support efforts that a fair, equitable, and just transitional government be instituted without any gap in governance.

Thank you for your consideration to this request and for your commitment to ensuring the fostering of democracy around the world.

Sincerely,

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