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Vote Recommendation: AILA Urges YES Vote on H.R. 1689 to Designate Haiti for TPS

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The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) calls upon members of the House of Representatives to **vote YES on H.R. 1689, as amended by H. Res. 965, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status (TPS)**. Supporting this bill would offer Haitians in the United States urgently needed temporary protection from deportation and allow them to continue their economic and community contributions across the country.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary's termination of TPS for Haiti on [July 1, 2025](#) threatened to upend the livelihoods and stability of about [330,735](#) individuals, along with their families, communities, and employers. As litigation challenging the termination is pursued, Haitian TPS recipients remain in limbo, uncertain of their futures in the United States.

Saying YES to H.R. 1689 would:

- **Protect hundreds of thousands from deportation to a profoundly unstable and dangerous country.** The Department of State continues to [classify](#) Haiti as a Level 4: Do Not Travel, due to concerns of ongoing violence, civil unrest and limited basic resources and has evacuated all non-emergency U.S. personnel. Haiti has been under a [state of emergency](#) since March 2024, with more than [6.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and over 1.45 million people internally displaced](#) as of February 2026.
- **Prevent the disruption of entire industries that employ Haitian TPS holders.** Continued designation of Haiti TPS allows recipients to maintain work authorization and contribute to the national economy. Removal of Haitian TPS holders from the U.S. workforce threatens to strain businesses facing labor shortages, create operational disruptions, and reduce local tax bases.

Contrary to the DHS Secretary's rationale for terminating TPS for Haiti, having eligible Haitian nationals continue to reside and work in the U.S. is in the national interest. Removing hundreds

of thousands of TPS holders risks negative U.S. economic impacts, family separation, and further fueling a humanitarian crisis. Since 2021, Haiti continues to face a deteriorating crisis of serious security concerns, social unrest, an increase in human rights abuses, crippling poverty, lack of basic necessities and mass displacement, making a safe return currently impossible. Haiti, therefore, exhibits the temporary and extraordinary conditions meriting TPS designation.

For these reasons, AILA urges you to vote YES to H.R. 1689, to ensure ongoing stability for Haitian TPS holders, their communities, and the U.S. economy in the upcoming years.