

# City of Miami, Florida



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The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC, 20500

Dear President Bush,

On behalf of the Haitian community in Miami, Fl., we humbly ask you to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians in the United States. As the status indicates, it allows undocumented immigrants to get a time-out or temporary cessation of deportations because of conditions in their home country.

The designation is given to people from countries that have ongoing armed conflicts, recent environmental disasters or other conditions that prevent nationals from being returned home safely.

Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, has been battered for years by political instability, financial difficulties, violence, hurricanes, earthquakes, and AIDS. It has not recovered from the recent tropical storms and flooding. Under any examination, Haitians in the United States meet the standard for being granted temporary protected status.

We ask you to do the right thing by keeping Haitian parents with their US born children, keep remittances flowing which sustain thousands in Haiti, protect our borders, and provide equal treatment.

Please consider granting Haitians in the United States this crucial and warranted protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Sanchez", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Joe Sanchez

Chairman  
City of Miami Commission