



Mayor Lisa Brown

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Dear Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, and Representative Baumgartner,

I want to strongly urge Congressional action to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals, including approximately 500 individuals who live and work in the Spokane community.

I have witnessed firsthand how our Haitian community members with TPS are thriving in our community, including children in our schools. These community members are our healthcare workers, small business owners, faith leaders, and friends. They contribute greatly to our local economy and make our city stronger.

Congress created this program to protect individuals from being forced to return to a country facing civil unrest, violence, or natural disasters. By terminating TPS, the Trump Administration is putting people at risk of detention and deportation, which will break up families and put lives at risk. Congress can turn this around and I strongly urge you to do so. These members of our communities deserve a clear, secure path forward.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brown
Mayor, City of Spokane

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