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Secretary Colin Powell  
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Dear Secretary Powell:

As I did eight months ago, I write to once again urge the Bush Administration to grant temporary protective status (TPS) to Haitian nationals. In this regard, I strongly support the September 30, 2004 request for TPS made by Haitian Prime Minister Latortue to Secretary Powell, under the authority granted by section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

I wrote to Attorney General Ashcroft and Secretary Ridge in February 2004 urging them to grant Haitian nationals in the United States TPS (see letters attached). At that time, Haiti was reeling because of political upheaval and floods that killed thousands. The Administration had ample justification to act then and should have granted Haitians TPS at that time. However, my request for TPS for Haitians was denied.

Now, an already bad situation in Haiti has become worse. Already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti has been crippled even more by the catastrophic destruction caused by Hurricane Jeanne. As of today, the toll was more than 2,900 dead or missing and presumed dead. This destruction has severely strained the already meager resources of the government, law enforcement authorities and the United Nations forces in Haiti.

This is no time to deport Haitians from this country back to Haiti, for their safety and welfare during this crisis cannot be guaranteed. Prime Minister Latortue wrote to you requesting TPS on behalf of Haitian citizens, who would incur extreme hardship if returned to a country in such ruins. For these reasons, I renew my call for the granting of TPS to Haitians.

I hope you will grant my request this time and thank you for your kind consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kendrick B. Meek".

KENDRICK B. MEEK  
Member of Congress