

CVT Applauds the Redesignation of TPS for Haiti, Calls for Additional Steps to Address the Hardships the Haitian Community is Facing

ST. PAUL, Minn. & WASHINGTON — The Center for Victims of Torture™ (CVT) today issued this statement as Haiti was redesignated for temporary protected status (TPS).

“We join our human rights and advocacy partners in rejoicing at the redesignation of TPS for Haiti. This means that people who came from Haiti to the United States seeking safety, including survivors of torture, will be allowed to stay in the country without fear of deportation for 18 months. We recognize that this victory is the result of relentless advocacy by Black immigrant leaders, including those from Haitian Bridge Alliance and UndocuBlack Network.

“While redesignating TPS for Haiti is a step in the right direction, many Haitian nationals seeking asylum will continue to be returned to the country they fled until the Biden administration fully rescinds the Trump administration’s policy of summarily expelling asylum seekers at the border under the false pretense of public health. While we celebrate this good news, we must push back against the policies that continue to create hardships for the Haitian community.” —Andrea Cárcamo, CVT senior policy counsel

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