

**MOVING FORWARD:  
REFLECTIONS AND STRATEGIES  
FOLLOWING SIX MONTH  
HAITIAN TPS EXTENSION**

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# **REFLECTIONS ON THE IMPACT OF TPS ON THE HAITIAN COMMUNITY**

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**BEYOND TPS: UNDOCUBLACK PERSPECTIVE  
ON LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCY +  
PROTECTING UNDOCUMENTED  
IMMIGRANTS**

# Facts about Haitian TPS

- There are around 58,000 Haitian TPS holders that are potentially facing deportation- largely concentrated in FL, NY and NJ.
- Renewing TPS for Haitian migrants is not only an immigrant issue but a racial justice issue, an economic justice issue and a human rights issue.
- It's important for all communities to stand behind Haitians right now because the fate of this program for Haitians could very well determine the fate of the program overall
- [Undocublack and NILC filed a FOIA request](#) for all records from multiple agencies regarding what information they are using to make this determination, what recommendations are being made internally and how they plan to make the final decision.
- Let's keep in mind TPS is about humanitarian relief for people who cannot return to a country due to environmental, political and social crises. It's about their choice to migrate to avoid extreme hardships and potential death.

# UBN Commits to...

- Finding creative ways to tell the story of our Diaspora
  - One example of which is the Video(s) that will feature stories of our members.
- Fighting Deportations and pro-actively equipping our members with resources to avoid deportation
- Push the “Immigrant Rights” organizations away from calls for citizenship and towards calls for relief from deportation, and work permits
- Expanding the understanding of why Haiti saw a mass exodus due to exploitative practices by the west through political education opportunities.

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# **EXTENSION OF THE DESIGNATION OF HAITI FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS / 82 FR 23830**

“Through this Notice, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 6 months, from July 23, 2017, through January 22, 2018. The Secretary has determined that a limited, 6-month extension is warranted because, although Haiti has made significant progress in recovering from the January 2010 earthquake that prompted its initial designation, conditions in Haiti supporting its designation for TPS continue to be met at this time.”

# RE-REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

- Requirements & Process of Re-Registration
- “What if TPS is not extended past January?”
- Seeking Competent Legal Counsel
  - Exploring Possible Options to Obtain Lawful Status
  - <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognized-organizations-and-accredited-representatives-roster-state-and-city>

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# WORKERS' RIGHTS AND TPS

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# ***WILL MY EAD BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED?***

- If you have a Haiti TPS-based employment authorization document (EAD), you can have it extended to Jan. 18, 2018 if you:
  - Currently have an EAD with expiration of July 22, 2017, with a category code of A-12 or C-19;
  - Re-register for TPS during the 60 day re-registration period; and
  - File an application for an EAD during the 60 day re-registration period.
- NOTE: You should file your EAD renewal application as early as possible during the 60 day re-registration to avoid any lapse.

# **IF HIRED FOR A NEW JOB, WHAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD I SHOW MY EMPLOYER FOR THE I-9 FORM?**

- You may choose which document or documents to present from the list of acceptable documents for the I-9 form.
- An EAD is a “List A” document that proves both your identity and work authorization.
- If your EAD has an expiration of July 22, 2017 and has a category of A-12 or C-19, and you filed an EAD renewal application during the 60 day re-registration period, you may show your EAD to your new employer along with the Form I-797C Notice of Action as proof of identity and work authorization through January 18, 2018.
- You may need to explain that your EAD has been automatically extended through January 18, 2018.

# **WHAT SHOULD I SHOW MY CURRENT EMPLOYER IF MY EAD IS SET TO EXPIRE?**

- Your current employer will likely ask you about your continued work authorization on or before July 22, 2017.
- If you file an EAD renewal application, and you receive a USCIS receipt notice stating that your A-12 or C-19 coded EAD is automatically extended for 180 days, you can show that receipt notice to your employer, along with your expired EAD, to show work authorization through January 18, 2018.
- Your employer may NOT require any other documentation, such as proof of Haitian citizenship or proof of re-registration for TPS.
- To report employer violation, call Immigrant and Employee Rights Worker Hotline at 1-800-255-7688.

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# **CONTINUED ADVOCACY AND MOBILIZATION**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Looking into the work of local, state, and national organizations
  - Haitian Centered (i.e. FANM - @FANMOrg)
  - Black Immigrant Centered (i.e. BAJI - @BAJItweet)
  - Central American Centered (i.e. Central American Resource Center - @Carcen\_LA)
  - State Centered (i.e. Florida Immigrant Coalition - @FLimmigrant)
  - National Organizations (i.e. Black Immigration Network - @BlackImmnetwork, National Immigration Law Center - @NILC\_org)
    - **What are the ways I can be active and contribute to work that is being done?**
    - **What services are being provided that are useful for me and my community?**
      - **Legal Services**
      - **Community Support**
        - **Education**
        - **Housing**
        - **Health Services**

# POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND ACTION

- Reaching out to Congressional Members, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Diplomatic Community to voice your concerns
  - Congressional Members <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>
  - Department of Homeland Security [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) 202-282-8495
  - Diplomatic Community
    - Haitian Embassy [www.haiti.org](http://www.haiti.org)
- Key Bills to Pay Attention to (<https://www.govtrack.us/>)
  - H.R. 1014 Haiti Emergency Relief Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Congresswoman Yvette Clarke)
  - H.R. 2431 Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act
  - H.R. 2406 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Authorization Act of 2017
  - H.R. 2407 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Authorization Act