

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 28, 2014

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In light of your recent reaffirmation of U.S. commitment to the Haitian people and economy, we write to urge you to direct the Department of Homeland Security to create a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program (FRPP). This action will provide a lifeline to Haiti's economy, and reunite tens of thousands of Haitian families.

Currently, more than 100,000 Haitians with approved family-based immigrant visa petitions are forced to wait for years in Haiti. Their already limited economic opportunities have been further constrained by the 2010 earthquake. According to the State Department, Haiti remains near the top of its list of countries with the largest number of waiting list registrants. None of the eight countries preceding Haiti on the State Department's list have recently suffered from a natural disaster similar to the 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti. The creation of a Haitian FRPP is well rooted in need, precedent, and is critical for Haiti's economic development.

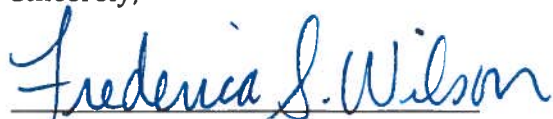
While the U.S.-led recovery effort continues to address the immediate needs of the Haitian people and better position Haiti's economy for long-term growth, Haiti remains the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. Over 80 percent of Haitians are living in poverty, 40 percent of Haitians are unemployed, and the average Haitian survives on \$2 or less per day.

Haitians in the United States remit approximately \$2 billion each year to Haiti and about 10 people benefit from the funds sent by each expatriate. Creation of a Haitian FRPP, similar to that previously established for Cubans, would immediately boost Haiti's economy, bolster the international effort to create sustainable growth in Haiti, and reunite tens of thousands of Haitian-Americans with family members already approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

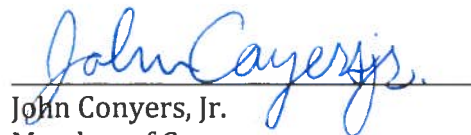
The creation of a Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program is an executive action that would have strong support from Members of Congress, other elected officials throughout our nation, non-profit organizations, and millions of American citizens. Congressional colleagues have joined us in sending letters to your Administration urging the creation of this program. We respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss this much-needed action.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,



Frederica S. Wilson  
Member of Congress



John Conyers, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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