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## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DR. STEVE GALLON III URGES THE EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS**

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### ***PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. STEVE GALLON III***

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At this week's regular monthly meeting of the Miami-Dade School Board, District 1 School Board Member Dr. Steve Gallon III will advance an agenda item authorizing Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho to urge Pres. Donald Trump and Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals for at least another 18-month period.

TPS was granted to Haitian nationals who were in the U.S. as of January 12, 2010, the date of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The U.S. has provided a safe haven to approximately 50,000 Haitians who have been unable to return to their home country because of insurmountable environmental obstacles, deadly diseases and violence.

The vast majority of these individuals have been in the US for at least 6 1/2 years, well before the 2010 earthquake, and have strong community ties including families with U.S.-born children. Haiti's government is in no position to insure the safety to or assimilate these 50,000 Haitians, nor to make up for their remittances should they be curtailed by their deportation, and it remains unsafe to deport them. Their deportation would consequently tend to destabilize Haiti, which is contrary to the national security interest of the U.S.

This item is co-sponsored by School Board Members Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall; Susie Castillo; Mari Tere Rojas; Perla Tabares Hantman and Lubby Navarro.

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