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Dear Mr. Ruvin:

Thank you for your April 3, 2017 letter. Secretary Kelly asked that I respond on his behalf.

We appreciate your interest in Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation. Under Federal law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a country for TPS based upon specific statutory criteria. *See* Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 244(b)(1), 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(1). U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the Department of Homeland Security Component principally responsible for advising the Secretary on TPS issues and implementing the program.

Haiti was initially designated for TPS on January 21, 2010. The current extension of Haiti's TPS designation is scheduled to expire on July 22, 2017. At least 60 days before the expiration of any TPS designation, the Secretary, after consultation with appropriate U.S. Government agencies, must review the conditions in a country designated for TPS to determine whether the conditions support an extension of the country's designation. *See* INA § 244(b)(3)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1254a(b)(3)(A). The Secretary will undertake a review of this nature for Haiti's designation prior to its July 22, 2017 expiration. Once a decision is made, it will be announced by USCIS, and a detailed notice will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Kovarik", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kathy Nuebel Kovarik
Chief