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## Trump Kicks Haitians out the Door

"With Americans readying their tables and homes for family and friends in advance of Thanksgiving last week, President Trump decided to kick our Haitian brother and sisters out the back door and into the darkness," said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Days before Thanksgiving, the Trump Administration announced that it is ending the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nearly 50,000 Haitian immigrants who are living in the United States while their home country of Haiti continues to fight a humanitarian crisis. Haiti's condition remains dire following hurricanes, an earthquake, and with a food and health crisis.

"This is why TPS was created; one country lending a helping hand to another country and its people. Haiti is in no position to welcome home these people. We would be sending them back to unfit, disastrous conditions," said Couch. "I have asked this question before: Where is this Administration's empathy and compassion?"

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd call on Congress to find a permanent solution before the Haitian TPS holders are forced out in 18 months.

The National Advocacy Center educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years. With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.