

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 4, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write to urgently call on and request the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to immediately designate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Jamaica following the catastrophic impact of Hurricane Melissa.

Jamaica is currently confronting widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa. The storm has left countless residents without homes, electricity, clean water, or access to medical care. Roads and vital infrastructure have been destroyed, communities are struggling to recover, and the Government of Jamaica faces immense challenges in restoring essential services. Tens of thousands have been displaced, and recovery is expected to take months – if not years. Under these conditions, it would be unsafe and inhumane to require Jamaican nationals currently residing in the United States to return home.

The United States has a longstanding and close relationship with Jamaica. Congress established TPS precisely for moments such as this – when natural disasters or humanitarian crises render a country temporarily uninhabitable. Extending TPS to Jamaican nationals would reaffirm our nation's commitments and ensure that individuals are not forced to return to life-threatening conditions.

Pursuant to Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a country for TPS when extraordinary and temporary conditions – such as environmental disasters – prevent its nationals from safely returning home. We believe the situation in Jamaica clearly meets this statutory standard.

We therefore strongly urge you to:

1. Immediately designate Jamaica for Temporary Protected Status under the Immigration and Nationality Act;
2. Allow all eligible Jamaican nationals currently residing in the United States to remain here lawfully and continue contributing to our communities; and
3. Coordinate with federal, state, and international partners to support Jamaica's recovery and strengthen disaster resilience across the Caribbean region.

The United States must stand firmly with Jamaica during this crisis. Our nations are bound by shared history, culture, and family ties. Many of our constituents are deeply affected by this tragedy, and we respectfully urge you to grant TPS for Jamaica without delay.

We look forward to your prompt action and remain committed to working with DHS to provide the protection and stability this moment demands.

Sincerely,



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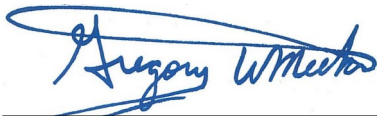
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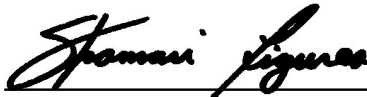
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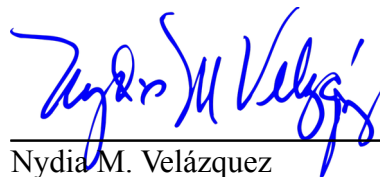
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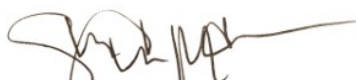
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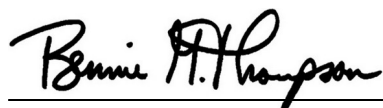
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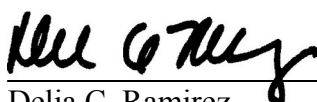
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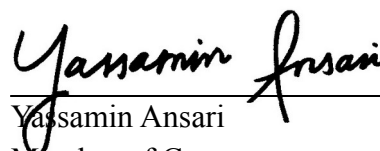
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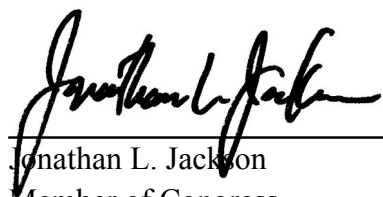
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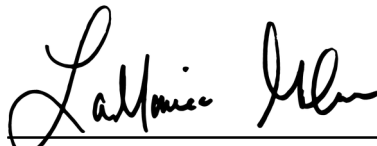
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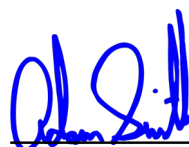
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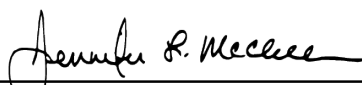
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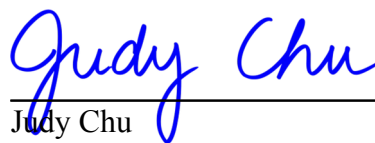
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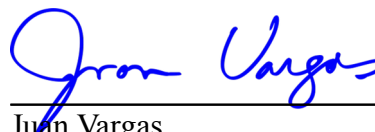
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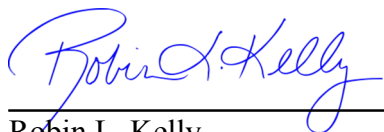
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