

## Keri O'Brien

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**From:** Donna Phillips  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 2:50 PM  
**To:** Keri O'Brien  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Regarding Haitian Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Regarding Haitian Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

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Hi Donna can you please enter this into the public record for tonight's meeting at well.

Thank you so much

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**From:** KW Immigrant Support Network <keywestis25@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 29, 2025 at 10:53 PM  
**Subject:** Regarding Haitian Temporary Protective Status (TPS)  
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Good evening Commissioners,

We wanted to send this Miami Herald article that unpacks the facts around the termination of the Temporary Protective Status (TPS) program. Our Haitian community on the island is estimated to be approx. 5000 people, the vast majority of which have TPS. That status will now expire in August with deportations set to begin in September. Regardless of your feelings on the matter, we think it is important that you understand what this program was, why it is being terminated, and consider how that termination and the mass exodus or deportation of that massive community will affect Key West. Safe to say losing 15% of our island's population, there will be a great impact on most aspects of our economy, particularly in the hospitality, restaurant, and grocery sectors.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/from-protection-to-peril-what-end-of-tps-means-for-haitians-in-south-florida-elsewhere/ar-AA1Hz4dH?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

The most jarring line of the article, however, is a humanitarian one:

**A recent report from the United Nations found that Haiti is as dangerous for children as the Gaza Strip.**

Here's another article unpacking that UN report.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article309024635.html>

That article states:

**Violence against children in Haiti increased by nearly 500% last year, according to a United Nations report, ranking the Caribbean nation as dangerous a place for children as war-torn Gaza, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia and Nigeria.**

It is easy to think that our KWPD participation in a program like 287g is but a drop in the proverbial bucket of nationwide immigration enforcement but we respectfully disagree, however, and ask you to consider the devastating impact that a program like 287g can have on a community. If directly involved in the detainment and eventual deportation of members of our KW Haitian community, KWPD will be complicit in sending people to their deaths. There is no way to get around sounding hyperbolic because this is such catastrophic situation that it cannot be overstated.

We understand that Florida law requires local law enforcement agencies to provide assistance to federal agencies when requested. However, we beg that our local law enforcement not participate any further in this humanitarian crisis than is legally necessary. At the very least, our Haitian community members deserve that from us.

In Solidarity With Our Immigrant Community,  
Key West Immigrant Support Network