



The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leaders Thune and Schumer:

On behalf of Argentum, the leading national association representing senior living providers, and the undersigned affiliated state associations (Argentum State Partners), we urge you to support and pass H.R. 1689, bipartisan legislation that would require the Department of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) through early 2029. The legislation passed the House of Representatives on a bipartisan basis and now awaits Senate consideration. Under the bill, Haiti would remain designated for TPS until three months after January 20, 2029.

Senior living providers across the country continue to face significant workforce challenges as demand for care and services grows. Haitian TPS beneficiaries are valued members of that workforce, serving older adults as caregivers, nursing assistants, dining professionals, housekeepers, maintenance workers, and in numerous other essential roles. Their contributions help ensure seniors receive the quality care and support they deserve.

Senate action is particularly urgent given recent Administration actions affecting Haitian TPS beneficiaries. Following the June 25, 2026 Supreme Court decision, DHS and USCIS issued guidance identifying July 24, 2026 as the operative expiration date currently associated with employment authorization for Haitian TPS holders while related litigation proceeds. As a result, employers and employees face immediate uncertainty regarding workforce continuity and legal work authorization.

Passage of H.R. 1689 would provide critical stability for employers, employees, and the seniors who depend on a strong caregiving workforce. It would also recognize the extraordinary humanitarian and security challenges that continue to exist in Haiti while ensuring that longtime contributors to our communities and economy can continue to live and work lawfully in the United States.

We respectfully urge you to support H.R. 1689 and work toward its prompt passage in the United States Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Balda
President & CEO
Argentum

and the Undersigned Argentum State Partners



California Assisted Living Association
LeadingAge Colorado
Connecticut Assisted Living Association
Florida Senior Living Association
Georgia Senior Living Association
Lifespan Network (Maryland)
Massachusetts Assisted Living Association
Michigan Assisted Living Association
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Missouri Assisted Living Association
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