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Nationwide Demonstrations on Oct 14, as Haitian Bridge Alliance Demands Biden Admin Stop Mass Expulsions of Haitian Asylum Seekers and Mistreatment of Black Migrants

WHAT: Press Conference, Rally & March, Vigil in Solidarity with Haitian Asylum Seekers in Deportation Proceedings and Black Migrants Unfair Treatment within the Immigration System

WHEN: Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 9AM-7PM EST


WHO: Immigration advocates and supporters across the country

VISUALS: Press conference by activists and community leaders, homemade signs, chants, and march

San Diego, CA — Haitian Bridge Alliance calls for demonstrations in cities across the country on Thursday, October 14, 2021, to demand an end to President Biden’s inhumane mass expulsions of Haitian asylum seekers and mistreatment of Black migrants.

On May 22, 2021, Secretary Mayorkas said in his TPS redesignation announcement press release that Haiti is currently experiencing serious security concerns, social unrest, an increase in human rights abuses, crippling poverty, and lack of basic resources. After the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake—which resulted in the death of over 2,200 people, injured another 12,000, damaged or destroyed 120,000 homes, and displaced hundreds of thousands of people—and then afterward Tropical Storm Grace, the Biden Administration sent 72 flights to Haiti, including pregnant women, babies, and families to the same country that they determined was unsafe.

The high level of anti-Blackness embedded in the immigration system was shown to the world when pictures of Customs and Border Patrol agents on horses and reins were chasing Black asylum seekers. This treatment is unlike any other that we have seen for any other groups of migrants seeking safety.

This call to action is the start of an escalating campaign to inform the Biden-Harris Administration that the issue is not forgotten, especially in light of the fact that U.S. political intervention plays a role in why Black migrants flee home. We will not stop until all of our policy demands are met; halting all expulsion flights to Haiti, ending Title 42, and granting humanitarian parole to Haitian asylum seekers.
Haitian Bridge Alliance (HBA), also known as “the Bridge”, is a grassroots community organization that advocates for fair and humane immigration policies and provides migrants and immigrants with humanitarian, legal, and social services, with a particular focus on Black migrants, the Haitian community, women and girls, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and survivors of torture and other human rights abuses. HBA also seeks to elevate the issues unique to Black migrants and builds solidarity and collective movement toward policy change. Anpil men, chay pa lou (“Many hands make the load light”).

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