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RUDY MOISE FOR CONGRESS

STATEMENT OF DR. RUDOLPH “RUDY” MOISE REGARDING CURRENT HAITIAN DETAINEES

There are currently thirty Haitians, who came to the US from the island nation after the devastating earthquake, being held in a Broward immigration detention center. They have been there since January and officials cite a lack of proper paperwork as the reason why.

The detained Haitians are being held for deportation, even though deportation has been suspended indefinitely due to the fact that Temporary Protective Status was granted by President Obama.

Some of these individuals from Haiti were pulled from the rubble, placed on the planes by doctors, and others were merely trying to escape the devastation.

None of these individuals have received any mental health or grief counseling since the earthquake, only recently was any form of counseling approved for the detainees.

Many of the Haitian detainees have US relatives willing and ready to take them in but Immigrations and Customs Enforcement have yet to release them.

I support the immediate release of the thirty Haitian refugees being held in the Broward immigration detention center and any others being held at centers around the country. It is un-American to treat people so inhumanely especially at the heal of a catastrophic natural disaster like the Earthquake in January.

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