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Family Action Network Movement (FANM) Condemns the United States Policy Towards Haitian Refugees Camping Out on the South Texan Border

MIAMI, FL - On Friday, September 17, 2021, **authorities in Del Rio reported** that a group of 8,000 migrants have camped out under the bridge in the South of Texas. Haitian community leaders and advocates are gravely concerned about the humanitarian crisis at the border. Officials have stated that more crowds are expected to arrive in the next couple of days. The Biden Administration continues to deport refugees under Title 42 which a **federal judge has blocked**. This humanitarian crisis is a result of years of failed U.S. foreign policies vis-a-vis Haiti that supported incompetent and corrupt leaders **ruling by decree** and tainted by **corruption scandals**, while ignoring the voices of **civil society leaders**.

Marleine Bastien, Executive Director of Family Action Network Movement, said, "We are deeply concerned with the United States treatment of Haitian refugees who are fleeing credible threat and violence in Haiti. It is cruel and inhumane for the Biden administration to deport Haitian refugees to Haiti after a recent earthquake killed over 2,500 people, destroyed 53,000 homes following months of insecurity, massacres, killing of political opponents, kidnapping, rape and other gender based violence, in addition to the killing of a sitting President". The migration crisis will continue as long as the U.S. continues to implement years of failed foreign policies that support corrupt and incompetent dictators in Haiti, while ignoring the hope and aspirations of the Haitian people, and the voices of the civil society. Migration challenges and U.S. foreign policies vis a vis Haiti are inextricably linked. Migration crises will continue until the State Department respects the will of the Haitian people for a democratic, safe, sustainable, and thriving Haiti.

FANM joins more than 50 Democratic lawmakers to ask President Biden to stop all deportations to Haiti, support the agreement of the Commission for a

Haitian Solution to the Crisis, and develop a process to let the Haitian Refugees into the U.S. to pursue their cases in a court of law.

Family Action Network Movement (FANM) is a private not-for-profit organization dedicated to the social, economic, financial and political empowerment of low to moderate-income families.

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