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Mr. Henry T. Wooster
Chargé d'Affaires at the United States Embassy
Port-au-Prince, Haiti,

Subject : Hope Help extension – Access to senior officials to the White House

Dear Ambassador Wooster,

Over the past five years, the Association des Industries d'Haïti (ADIH) has made every possible effort to secure a clean, multi-year renewal of the Haiti Economic Lift Program (HELP) Act and the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act. During this period, we undertook 38 trips to Washington, D.C., meeting with members of Congress and stakeholders to advocate for the continuation of these critical programs.These efforts continue to put strain on financial resources of ADIH.

It is therefore with great disappointment that the renewal granted was limited to only one year. Such a short horizon provides little certainty for investors and manufacturers and significantly undermines the stability these programs were designed to create.

At the same time, recent trade policy changes enacted under the Trump Administration risk placing Haiti at a distinct competitive disadvantage. Products qualifying under the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement and the Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement remain exempt from the new tariffs. The result is a paradoxical outcome: Haiti, one of the few countries with which the United States enjoys a trade surplus, now faces a disadvantage compared with Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Central American suppliers, including Nicaragua. While currently in the 10% bracket, Haiti may now soon increase to a 15% minimum rate.

Meanwhile, major Asian exporters such as China, Vietnam, India, and Bangladesh are expected to see their tariff rates decline. In practical terms, Haiti is uniquely penalized relative to both its regional and Asian competitors, directly undercutting the objectives of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act, HOPE, and HELP.

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This comes after seven consecutive years of economic decline in Haiti, and a loss of over 40,000 jobs in this sector in the past 5 years, making recovery increasingly difficult for the Haitian people and threatening one of the country's few remaining sources of formal employment and the sustainable socio-economic stability success of the GSF security mission underway.

We believe that one final opportunity remains, if we could be granted access to senior officials at the White House to present Haiti's case directly.We respectfully ask for your support in helping facilitate such an opportunity. Your assistance in opening this door could make a decisive difference for the economic future of Haiti and the livelihoods of thousands of Haitian workers and their Families.

We remain available to further discuss this request if need be, while we express our sincere appreciation to your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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