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A 20 person delegation of members of Congresswoman Carrie Meek's Haitian Task Force, The Equal Treatment Coalition and the Haitian Lawyers' Association will leave Monday morning on a 7 a.m. flight from Miami to Washington, D.C., to meet with key members of the Republican leadership in Congress and to join thousands in a rally scheduled for 1 p.m. on Capitol Hill.

This rally is a national effort to galvanize support for a number of pending bills which aim to provide relief to Haitian Refugees who have been living and working in the United States since 1991, but before December 1996. These Haitians were left out of the December 1997 legislation which granted green cards to thousands of Cubans, Europeans, Nicaraguans and other Central Americans. The rally will focus on the need to right this injustice!

Participants will come from South Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois. They include, Haitian-Americans, Haitian refugees, friends and supporters of the Haitian people.

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