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Dear Haitian Broadcaster

As an important member of the Haitian American media in South Florida, we seek your support and help in our effort to obtain amnesty - Permanent Resident Status - for those Haitians who arrived in the United States on or before December 31, 1995 and who are not yet residents.

As you may already know, U.S. Representative Carrie Meek has been on the forefront of this struggle for equal treatment for Haitians.

Under Congresswoman Meek's leadership, an Immigration Task Force was recently formed to promote passage of her Bill, H.R. 3033 "Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 1997".

We, as the Media Committee would like to inform you that: 1) we exist; 2) Haitians need your help to obtain residency status, and 3) we are available to work closely with you to get the word out to the community through interviews, appearances on your shows, and by providing detailed and up-to-date press materials on the progress of the legislation.

Our Chair, Gepsie Metellus, Aide to Dade Commissioner Barbara M. Carey, can be reached at (305) 375-5393. Our Co-Chair, Carline Paul, can be contacted at (305) 756-7788. Another contact is Marlene Bastien, beeper (305) 750-2666.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us for more information, or you may also contact Congresswoman Meek's Aide, Magda Theodate, Esq. at (305) 381-9541.

If you would like to join our Media Committee please let Gepsie know.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to working with you to obtain Equal Treatment for Haitians.

Sincerely,

THE MEDIA COMMITTEE

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