

Sample Letter to the Editor (Gepsie)

I applaud the enactment of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) enabling Nicaraguans and Cubans to become permanent residents of this great country. However, I remain extremely troubled at the exclusion of Haitians from this legislation.

This snub to Haitian immigrants seems to give credence to the often heard accusations of racism, prejudice, discrimination and classism.

Fairness, social and racial harmony require that we treat Haitians fairly and equally as we have historically treated other immigrants. They have put down deep roots in communities such as ours, as well as across our nation. They, along with other immigrants of our community, live in the same neighborhood, they work, worship and raise their children side by side. They pay taxes and contribute to the growth and prosperity of our nation in countless and innumerable ways.

I urge Congress to enact H.R. 3033. This bill, sponsored by Congresswoman Meek, seeks to provide equal treatment for Haitians who were present in the United States on December 31, 1995. Equal treatment is a moral imperative. I call upon the American people to unite and call upon its representatives to remain faithful to one of our most sacred traditions; that of equal justice under the law.

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