

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0550

July 10, 2021

The Honorable Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Haiti is reeling from the horrific assassination of President Jovenel Moïse earlier this week and Haitian authorities are struggling to maintain law and order. As a result, the interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph has requested international security assistance to help protect key infrastructure – such as the airport, gasoline and energy reserves, and ports – which would help alleviate the strain on their national police force during this tumultuous time.

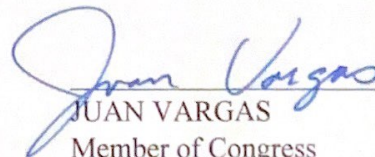
We welcome the news that your Administration has pledged help from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support the national police in their investigation of the assassination. In addition to dispatching personnel from the FBI and DHS, we urge the Administration to take a leadership role with international partners, such as Canada, France, and the United Nations, and immediately review supplementary international assistance needs.

In this extreme time of need for our southern neighbor, the United States can reaffirm our support for the rule of law and an effective, stable democracy in Haiti. The long-term goal of prosperity, opportunity and a better life for all Haitians is at stake in the coming days. With our leadership, and that of our allies, we can support a steady path forward for the Haitian people.

Sincerely,



DARRELL ISSA  
Member of Congress



JUAN VARGAS  
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