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Open Letter from Joverlein Moïse

Son of the 58th President of the Republic of Haiti, Jovenel Moïse

To the Honorable Marco Rubio

72nd Secretary of State of the United States of America

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Mr. Secretary of State,

Since the first waves of colonization in the Americas, the United States and the Republic of Haiti have stood as the two oldest sovereign nations of the continent. Our histories are profoundly intertwined. Our peoples have long shared a moral responsibility: to uphold the democratic ideal, and to defend human dignity wherever it is threatened.

For decades, the Haitian people have endured an unrelenting series of crises. But it was on July 7, 2021, with the brutal assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, my father, that the descent reached its most tragic depth. That heinous and unprecedented act silenced a president, but it could not extinguish the hope, the vision, nor the dignity that Jovenel Moïse, the man, carried for his people.

As a former senator from Florida, a state that hosts the largest Haitian diaspora, you are intimately familiar with the political and economic dynamics that have long undermined our nation. **You also know the corrosive role of certain entrenched oligarchs, who have financed terrorism, engineered political instability, and orchestrated coups, culminating, ultimately, in my father's assassination.** An assassination marked by unspeakable cruelty. A body riddled with bullets, which I myself clothed before his burial. That tragedy ushered in a wave of pillaging and massacres: children, women, and men alike, victims of a predatory, corrupted system.

Mr. Secretary, as you know, several of those responsible have been apprehended by competent U.S. authorities. Yet others - who openly conspired against Haiti, a historic ally that once helped safeguard the United States from European domination - remain untouched, protected, and unchallenged on American soil.

Surely, you possess both the capacity and the moral authority to ensure that justice is served.

You are also aware that the financial resources of these criminals far surpass the capabilities of our weakened judicial institutions - institutions that these same actors have infiltrated, corrupted, and neutralized over time.

It is imperative that those responsible for such grave crimes be tried in a nation with institutions capable of delivering genuine and impartial justice. The world knows that Haiti's judicial system has been dismantled, by the very individuals it ought to judge. As long as chaos reigns, our police forces and penitentiary structures cannot operate meaningfully.

Therefore, **extraditing these criminals to a fragile and compromised system would amount to an act of profound irresponsibility, one that contradicts the very spirit of republican fraternity that defines the American people.** Especially when these individuals have benefited from U.S. technologies, communication networks, funding instruments, and even weaponry - from a nation they call "friend."

Impunity for crimes conceived in the United States and carried out in Haitian territory casts a long shadow over America's global image - and weakens Haiti's already fragile sovereignty, just as it struggles to rise with dignity.

This letter is not an appeal for interference; it is a plea for decency. For justice. It is the voice of a standing, unyielding Haitian youth - a generation that refuses resignation, yet knows it will need time, peace, and faithful allies to rebuild its free and sovereign homeland.

It is also a call to a historic ally: to listen, finally, to the full weight of our trauma - and to act in the name of our shared values. For the common good. For the ideals both our nations have long defended.

Thank you for your attention, and for any act of solidarity that might help Haiti finally step out of the shadows, and walk forward, proudly, toward its rebirth.

Respectfully,



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Montreal, July 23, 2025