We are extremely disturbed by the violent actions of the US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) at the Texas border and by the continued and increased deportations of Haitian migrants. Under President Biden, U.S. border officials have continued to cite an obscure public health law, known as Title 42 to justify deportations. However the Immigration and Nationality Act allows those fleeing persecution to seek protection within the United States regardless of how they may have entered, and nothing in Title 42 changes that. The government’s use of a pandemic that has claimed the lives of millions as a pretext to justify their abuses is a violation of American law. Haitians are fleeing disaster, poverty, political turmoil and are being denied their legal rights. The government’s actions are yet another example of the racist roots of America’s immigration system, which has continually sought to expel and bar from entry immigrants of color. We call on the Biden Administration to halt deportation flights to Haiti and to stop illegally using Title 42 to keep individuals from seeking asylum. In addition:

a. **Grant humanitarian parole:** Haitians seeking protections must be granted humanitarian parole to allow them to be transferred to safer conditions and away from CBP mistreatment.

b. **Provide humanitarian assistance:** Provide safe shelter, water, food and health care to Haitians who are in Del Rio awaiting an opportunity to request protection.

c. **Investigate CBP:** The Office of the Inspector General must immediately start an investigation into the use of whips, or whip-like devices, and other mistreatment of Haitians by Border Patrol.

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