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Mr. Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC

RE: Why Extending and Redesignating TPS for Haitian Nationals Is In the U.S. National Security and Economic Interests

Dear President Trump:

The Haitian Bridge Alliance, the AFL-CIO, allied civil rights, faith-based, business, and community organizations across the United States are deeply concerned about the administration's decision to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for the Republic of Haiti, which will take effect on February 3, 2026¹, despite significant gang violence, a humanitarian crisis, and instability on the island. We urge you to reconsider.

We believe extending and redesignating TPS for Haitians is in the clear national interest of the United States, from a labor, business, and taxpayer perspective. This is not an appeal to charity; it is an appeal to pragmatic self-interest, grounded in facts.

1. HAITIAN TPS HOLDERS STRENGTHEN THE U.S. WORKFORCE AND GDP

As of March 31, 2025, approximately 1.3 million people had TPS in the United States.² Recent analyses estimate that about 570,000 TPS holders are active in the U.S. labor force, including roughly 95,000 in leisure and hospitality, 90,000 in construction, 85,000 in business services,

¹ U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, DHS Terminates Temporary Protected Status for Haiti (Nov. 25, 2025) <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/dhs-terminates-temporary-protected-status-for-haiti>

² American Immigration Council, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Overview (last updated May 21, 2025), <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/fact-sheet/temporary-protected-status-tps-overview/>

80,000 in wholesale/retail, and 70,000 in manufacturing³. Moreover, hospitals have ranked in the top five employment industries for Haitian TPS holders in particular.⁴

These workers are overwhelmingly employed—one study found 94.6% of TPS holders were working in 2021, contributing billions in federal, state, and local taxes and roughly \$8 billion in spending power in that year alone⁵.

According to official records, roughly 330,000–353,000 Haitians currently benefit from TPS.⁶ Removing their work authorization will not magically create other workers to replace them—instead, it will:

- Disrupt U.S. employers who rely on this legal, vetted workforce
- Worsen labor shortages in construction, service, and care industries in key states
- Harm co-workers of former TPS holders, including U.S.-born co-workers, who will variously face job loss, forced overtime, and other negative impacts due to supply chain disruptions
- Reduce tax revenue and consumer demand in local economies
- Force workers into the shadow economy where they will be at risk of exploitation

An analysis from the Penn Wharton Budget Model estimates that over 700,000 TPS recipients losing status—including about 550,000 legally working—would remove more than \$36 billion in annual GDP, with significant negative impacts on sectors already facing shortages.⁷

From an economic perspective, it is counter-productive to deliberately shrink a legal, tax-paying workforce that is already filling critical gaps in the U.S. labor market.

2. TPS IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN MASS DEPORTATION

Large-scale interior deportations and maritime interdiction operations are expensive. They require:

- Intensive use of ICE and DHS enforcement resources
- Detention capacity and contracted bed space

³ FWD.us, Temporary Protected Status Protects Families While Also Boosting the U.S. Economy (Mar. 21, 2025), <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/fact-sheet/temporary-protected-status-tps-overview/>

⁴ Journal on Migration and Human Security, “A Statistical and Demographic Profile of the US Temporary Protected Status Populations from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti,” Robert Warren, Donald Kerwin, August 2017, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/233150241700500302>.

⁵ American Business Immigration Coalition, Securing TPS Protections to Strengthen America’s Workforce (last updated Sept. 10, 2025, <https://abic.us/securing-tps-protections-to-strengthen-americas-workforce/>

⁶ Trump Administration Again Seeks to End Haitian Protected Status, MSN (Nov. 26, 2025), <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/trump-administration-again-seeks-to-end-haitian-protected-status/ar-AA1RcWOb>

⁷ Penn Wharton Budget Model, Demographic and Labor Market Profile of TPS Beneficiaries (Nov. 19, 2025), <https://budgetmodel.wharton.upenn.edu/issues/2025/11/19/demographic-and-labor-market-profile-of-tps-beneficiaries>

- Charter flights to a country where commercial air service is limited and often disrupted by violence
- Ongoing Coast Guard and Navy deployments if maritime migration surges

By contrast, TPS holders are already registered with DHS, vetted, and self-supporting through their own labor. Maintaining TPS:

- Keeps enforcement resources focused on actual public-safety threats, not law-abiding workers
- Reduces detention and transportation costs
- Avoids a new, costly enforcement crisis in the Caribbean and at the southern border

The option that delivers stability and protection at a fraction of the cost of mass removals is best for the federal budget.

3. ENDING TPS NOW RISKS TRIGGERING A REGIONAL SECURITY AND MIGRATION CRISIS

The humanitarian and security situation in Haiti is not merely unstable—it has been historically declining. United Nations and humanitarian reporting indicate that over 1.4 million people have been displaced by gang violence, the highest number ever recorded in the country.⁸

Armed groups or gangs control roughly 90 percent of the country’s capital and are expanding into other regions.⁹ A recent large-scale attack in Haiti’s Artibonite department saw homes burned, civilians killed, and hundreds forced to flee; local officials estimate that around half of that region is now under gang influence.¹⁰ In 2024 alone, over 5,600 were killed in gang violence and more than 1,400 kidnapped.¹¹

To tackle the severe safety and insecurity crisis in Haiti, the United States, through the United Nations, has funded that Multinational Security Support (MSS), led by the Republic of Kenya, and most recently transformed it into the Gang Suppression Force (GSF).¹² In fact, the United States considers Haiti so dangerous that the Department of State has designated Haiti as a Level 4 - Do Not Travel Country due to persistent violence and kidnapping.¹³

⁸ International Organization for Migration, Displacement in Haiti Reaches Record High as 1.4 Million People Flee Violence (Oct. 15, 2025),

<https://www.iom.int/news/displacement-haiti-reaches-record-high-14-million-people-flee-violence>

⁹ NPR, Haiti gangs seize control of much of capital Port-au-Prince as violence surges (July 3, 2025),

<https://www.npr.org/2025/07/03/nx-s1-5455540/haiti-gangs-capital-port-au-prince-violence>

¹⁰ Jason Marino, Haiti Gangs Attack Town, Force Hundreds to Flee Homes (May 12, 2025), AP News,

<https://apnews.com/article/haiti-gangs-attack-pont-sonde-bercy-gran-grif-4a3a091383202babec7939b630c1691e>

¹¹ Haiti: Over 5,600 Killed in Gang Violence in 2024, UN Figures Show, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (Jan. 7, 2025),

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/01/haiti-over-5600-killed-gang-violence-2024-un-figures-show>

¹² Rachel Flynn, UN Approves Larger Force to Combat Haiti Gang Violence, BBC News (Oct. 1, 2025),

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn5qpkv0zq1o>

¹³ U.S. Dep’t of State, Haiti Travel Advisory (July 15, 2025),

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/haiti-travel-advisory.html>

Returning hundreds of thousands of people into this environment in a compressed timeframe would:

- Overwhelm Haiti’s already-fragile state institutions
- Hand more leverage to armed groups that prey on returnees and place them at grave risk, which would be life threatening.
- Increase pressure for irregular migration by sea and land toward the United States and its neighbors
- Force the U.S. to spend far more on maritime, border, and regional security operations

From a security standpoint, it is safer and cheaper to allow Haitian TPS holders working legally inside the United States than to fuel a new wave of instability and irregular migration in the Caribbean basin.

4.TPS SUPPORTS KEY U.S. STATES AND INDUSTRIES

TPS beneficiaries are heavily concentrated in states with significant economic and political weight—such as Florida, New York, Massachusetts, Texas, and others—where they contribute to:

- Construction and rebuilding
- Hospitality and tourism
- Healthcare and elder care
- Retail and logistics
- Agriculture including farming and meat packing industries
- Transportation

In a [letter](#) led by Senator Warren and signed by more than 60 members of Congress dated September 2025, urging your administration to not terminate TPS. It was also noted that more than 570,000 TPS holders contribute about \$21 billion annually to the U.S. economy and pay an estimated \$5.2 billion in taxes, while helping stabilize critical sectors like health care.¹⁴

Ending TPS for Haitians will directly reduce the labor supply in these sectors in states that rely on them, making it harder to grow the local economy, staff facilities, and produce needed levels of goods and services, potentially driving up costs still further for American consumers and patients. [In cities like Springfield, Ohio](#), Haitian immigrants have helped reverse population decline, leading to higher wage growth compared to the rest of the state and country.¹⁵

¹⁴ Letter on TPS Terminations & Health Care Workforce from Senator Elizabeth Warren et al. to Department of Homeland Security Secretary and Others (Sept. 29, 2025),

https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_on_tps_terminations_health_care_workforce.pdf

¹⁵ City of Springfield, Immigration FAQs, City of Springfield Ohio Official Website (last visited Jan. 5, 2026),

<https://springfielddohio.gov/immigration-faqs/>

From a jobs and competitiveness perspective, retaining experienced, vetted workers in these sectors serves American workers, American aging population and seniors, and American businesses.

5. TPS HELPS STABILIZE HAITI THROUGH REMITTANCES—WITHOUT FOREIGN AID OR TROOPS

In addition to providing these substantial tax and spending revenues that spur the U.S. economy, TPS holders in the United States are one of the most important informal stabilizers of the fragile economy in Haiti. According to recent economic data, remittances to Haiti reached about \$4.1 billion in 2024, up from roughly \$3.75 billion in 2023, and have averaged more than \$2.1 billion annually since the early 2000s.¹⁶

Those dollars:

- Help Haitian families buy food in a context where more than half the population faces severe hunger
- Pay for schooling, basic health care, and shelter
- Reduce the economic desperation that drives irregular migration and recruitment by gangs

If TPS is ended and lawful work authorization disappears, remittance flows will decline sharply, accelerating state failure and driving more people to flee. Maintaining TPS is therefore one of the most cost-effective stability tools available to the United States—requiring no foreign-aid appropriation, no troop deployments, and no new nation-building commitments.

That is effective foreign policy in practice: using low-cost, domestic tools to reduce the chance that the U.S. will face a larger, more expensive crisis later.

6. TPS ALLOWS THE U.S. TO FOCUS ENFORCEMENT ON REAL THREATS

TPS holders have undergone background checks and regular vetting as a condition of their status. They are known to DHS and are among the most documented and trackable populations in the country.

Ending TPS would:

- Push a large, low-risk population into undocumented status and the underground economy
- Make them harder—not easier—to monitor
- Divert enforcement resources away from criminals, smugglers, and traffickers

Maintaining TPS, by contrast, keeps a clear distinction between law-abiding, employment-authorized residents and those who represent genuine security concerns.

¹⁶ Trading Economics, Haiti Remittances (last updated 2025), <https://tradingeconomics.com/haiti/remittances>

7. TPS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTE AND U.S. CREDIBILITY

Congress created TPS to address precisely the kind of situation Haiti faces today—“extraordinary and temporary conditions” that make safe return impossible.¹⁷ Your government has acknowledged Haiti’s extreme violence and humanitarian crisis but concludes that continuing TPS is not in the U.S. national interest.

We respectfully submit that, in light of the enormous economic contribution TPS holders make to the U.S, the record-high displacement and gang control in Haiti, the stabilizing impact TPS holders have in Haiti, The enforcement and security costs of mass return

Extending TPS for Haitians is fully consistent with the TPS statute and more supportive of U.S. interests than triggering a new wave of instability and potential irregular migration in the region would have on the United States.

8. OUR REQUEST

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your Administration to:

1. Rescind the termination and redesignate Haiti for TPS, or at minimum
2. Extend Haiti’s TPS designation beyond February 3, 2026, and
3. Instruct DHS to review the economic, security, and regional-stability impacts of Haitian TPS including impacts on U.S. workers and labor markets, enforcement costs, and Caribbean security.

By extending TPS for Haiti, the United States protects its own economy, security, and regional interests while maintaining stability in our own neighborhood.

Respectfully,

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AFL-CIO

National Organizations

African Bureau for Immigrants and Social Affairs (ABISA)

Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

¹⁷ U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Temporary Protected Status (last updated Dec. 10, 2025), <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>

African Communities Together

African Immigrant Collective Inc

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

AFT Massachusetts

Al Otro Lado

Alianza Americas

Allegiance Christian Church

Amazing Grace Ministries of PBC, Inc

America's Voice

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

American Jewish World Service

American Pride Rises

AMURT-Haiti

Angry Tias and Abuelas

APALA Orange County

Arab American Heritage Council

Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance-AFL-CIO (APALA)

Association of Exchange and Development of Activities and Partnership, AEDAP

Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)

Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)

AVAN Immigrant Services

Avanse Ansanm

Avodah

Being Peace Sangha

Bethel Computers For Education

Beyond Borders

BLM Boise

Blue Couch Chat

BMBCC, INC- Boston Missionary Baptist Community Center, INC

Border Kindness

Borderlands Resource Initiative

Boston Haitian Resource Hub

Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN)

Boston Workers Circle

Bridges of Idaho

California Immigrant Policy Center

Cape Cod Women for Change -Mid-Cape Indivisible

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) DC

CASA

CATA - The Farmworker Support Committee

Catholic Charities Maine, Refugee and Immigration Services

Catholic Legal Immigration Network

Catholic Legal Services

Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law

Center for New Americans

Central Christian Church

Champion City Church

Charnette Frederic Civic Association

Chicago Federation of Labor

Christ Like Collection

Church Pentecostal crusade of fishers of men

Church World Service

Cinderella Pictures

Committee of Interns and Residents/Service Employees International Union (CIR/SEIU)

City Heights community organization

Coalición de Derechos Humanos

COCO Consulting

Color Of Change

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

Communications Workers of America (CWA)

Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP)

Community Coalition for Haiti

COMMUNITY IMPACT FOR CHANGE INC

Community Sponsorship Hub

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Coral Springs

Dayton Anti-racist Network

Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries
Delmar Church of Nazarene, DE
Delmarva muslim Community
District Leader Anthony Beckford
Diversity in Health Training Institute
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving
Duss Productions
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Eglise de Dieu Apostolique Inc
Elmont Cultural Center
Endeavor Financial Services LLC
Equal Ground Education Fund
EqualHealth's Global Campaign Against Racism
Equality for Flatbush
Espacio Migrante
Fair Fight Action
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Faith Choice Ohio
Faith in Action International
Familias Unidas en Acción
Family Action Network Movement
Farmworker Association of Florida

FEA Foundation Ministries

First Baptist Church in Beverly

First Churches of Northampton

Florida Committee On Haitian Ministry

Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church

Florida Immigrant Coalition

Florida Interfaith Coalition

Florida Rising

Force Multiplier

For the Village Inc.

Foundation for the Emancipation of Women and Girls

Freedom for Immigrants

Friends of Matènwa

Friends of Swazi Freedom

FWD.us

Gem City Action

Gospel Assembly-Queens

Grannies Respond

Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees

HADUNAT News

Golf Federation of Haiti

Haiti H2O: Hope to Opportunity

Haiti Partners

Haiti Policy House

Haiti Solidarity Network of the Northeast

HAITIAN AMERICAN BAPTIST MINISTER ALLIANCE

Haitian American Collaborative, Inc.

Haitian American Lawyers Association of Georgia

HAITIAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Haitian American Nurses Association Inc. Greater NY

Haitian American United for Progress

Haitian Association of Indiana

Haitian Bible Baptist church Inc

Haitian Bridge Alliance

Haitian Church of Nazarene

Haitian Church of God of Unity Everett MA

Haitian Evangelical Clergy Association

Haitian Interpreter Services

Haitian Ladies Network

Haitian love inc

Haitian Mental Health Network

Haitian Support Center

Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees

Haitian Women's Collective

Haitian-American Foundation for Democracy

Hand in Hand International Adoptions

Health Equity Research Solutions, LLC

Health Law Advocates

Hemispheric Network for Haitian Migrants' Rights

Hispanic Federation

Ho'opae Pono Peace Project

Homestead Haitian Pastors Association Inc

Hope and Change for Haiti

Hope Huddle

Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative

Human Rights First

HumansFirst.world

Ideatek Design

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Immigrant Welcome and Resource Center

In Cultured Company

Indivisible Fireside Chat

Indivisible Mansfield and Beyond

Indivisible Projects

Indivisible Springfield

Indivisible Upper Cape

Indivisible Upstate SC

Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti

IUE-CWA

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT)

Jerise Lettering & Artwork

Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice (JAIJ)

Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston

Jules Legacy Enterprise

Juliette Bethea

Just Neighbors

JVS Boston

Karen Organization of San Diego

Kids in Need of Defense

Kirva

L'union Suite

La Nouvelle Eglise De Jesus Christ

La Raza Community Resource Center

La Troupe Makandal, Inc.

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)

Lakou Lokal

Lara Welker Community Health Consulting

Las Semillas inc

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

LAVENDAR PATCH

Lawyers for Good Government

Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America

Little Haiti BK inc.

Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)

Long Island Immigration Clinic/Sisters of St. Joseph

Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI)

Loving Hearts & Praying Hands inc

LUBIN LAW GROUP, PLLC

Mahanaïm Baptist Church

Mahanaïm Baptist Church.

Maine People's Alliance

Majdal: Arab Community Center of San Diego

Make the Road NY

Make the Road States

Manifest Haiti

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Mass 50501

Massachusetts Action for Justice

Massachusetts AFL-CIO

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

Massachusetts TPS Committee

Mercy Focus on Haiti

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition (MVIC)

Migrant & Immigrant Community Action Project

Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation

MIRA Coalition

Model School Network

Montage Productions

Mount Tsiyon Evangelical Ministries

Muslim Advocates

My Community First Mentoring Success LLC

NAACP Miami-Dade Branch

Nacalini Group LLC

NAKASEC

Nash & Associates

Nashoba Indivisible

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Alliance for the Advancement of Haitian Professionals

National Association of Haitian Educators (NAHE)

National Association of Social Workers

National Domestic Workers Alliance

National Employment Law Project

National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEON)

National Immigration Law Center

National Korean American Service and Education Consortium

National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)

National TPS Alliance

NÈGÈS MAWON

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Never Again Action - Boston Chapter

New Birth Baptist Church of Brockton

New Church of Christ Ministry

New Jersey Forum for Human Rights

New Life Church Orlando

New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia

New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

New York City Council Member Rita Joseph

New York Immigration Coalition

New Jerusalem Evangelical Baptist Church

Nigerian Center

New Mexico Dream Team (NMDT)

NorCal TPS Coalition

North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)

North Shore Indivisible

NYC ICE Watch

NYC Network of Worker Cooperatives (NYC NOWC)

Oasis Legal Services

Odo Achievement Center

OE Consulting

Ohio Immigrant Alliance
Orange County Equality Coalition
Orange County Labor Federation
Pathway for Immigrant Workers
Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore
Pax Christi New York State
Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition
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Perspectives on advancement within an inclusive movement."
Planet Grand'Anse
Power Up People
Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness
Presente.org
Pride At Work, AFL-CIO
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Quenio Plus LLC
Quixote Center
Radio Echo Evangelique, Inc
Radio Verite
Raising Haiti Foundation
Refuge House of Praise
Refugee Congress
Religious of Jesus and Mary

Resilience Orange County
Resources to Resources, Haiti
Respect For Life Foundation
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union
Revolve Impact
Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Roots of Development
Route 1804 Foundation
SAJ GLOBAL INC
San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council
SEIU 775
SEIU Florida State Council
SEIU Health Care
SEIU Local 1
SEIU Local 1991
SEIU Local 49
SEIU Local 500
SEIU Local 503
SEIU Local 99
SEIU Texas
SEIU-UHW
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)

SF CLOUT/ WE RISE SF

Simact, inc

Single Serving

Sisters of Charity of New York Peace, Justice & Integrity of Creation Office

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team

Slavic Refugee and Immigrant Services Organization

Solidaire Action

South Bay People Power

Springfield Neighbors United

School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND)

St. Mark Community Education Program

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

State Representative Dotie Joseph

Strong Children Wellness

Swing Left Jamaica Plain

Temple B'nai Hayim

Texas AFL-CIO

The Haiti-Jamaica Society

The House of the Seven Gables Settlement Association

The Law Offices of Frandley D Julien PA

The PTI Consulting Team

The Right to Immigration Institute

The W. Thomas Law Firm

The Welcome Project

The Workers Circle

TRII/Dignidad

Tsuru for Solidarity

Undivided

UndocuBlack Network

Unitarian Universalist Association

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

UNITE HERE

Unite Here Local 30

United African Organization

United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)

United Steelworkers (USW)

United Way of Greater Plymouth County

United Way of Southwestern Indiana

Unity Pentecostal Church of God of Homestead

Universidad Popular

VC Defensa

Village Engage

Voces de la Frontera

Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry

Washington Office on Latin America

Watertown Citizens Refugee Support Group
Welcoming America
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Witness at the Border
WOLC Immigration Services
Women Working Together USA
Workers United CMRJB LOCAL399
Working Families United
Yellow Springs Friends Meeting
Youngstown Area Interreligious Prayer Group
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32BJ SEIU
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