



A Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty



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THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN HAITI: HAITI TRADE PREFERENCES PROVISIONS PASS CONGRESS

Thanks in part to the **thousands of messages** you delivered to Capitol Hill over the last several months, the House and Senate passed legislation that contains the *Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE) Act of 2006* just before the 109th Congress adjourned.

USCCB and CRS support the HOPE Act that provides Haiti trade preferences because of their potential positive impact on the once vibrant Haitian textile industry. These provisions provide preferential access to the U.S. market for Haitian exports, which will stimulate job opportunities for Haitians suffering from very high unemployment, insecurity and instability.

Most important of all, this legislation and your support for it sends a clear signal that people in the United States stand in solidarity with Haitians as they work to rebuild a proud and capable country that for too long has been let down and left behind.

TAKE ACTION NOW! Visit the CRS Action Center today – <http://actioncenter.crs.org> to make sure your Members of Congress who supported the HOPE Act get the thanks they deserve and to encourage them to continue to enact legislation that supports the Haitian people.

The following Members played an extraordinary role in ensuring that the Haiti trade preferences provisions were included and passed by Congress and deserve special recognition:

SENATE

Mike DeWine (R-OH)
Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Charles Grassley (R-IA)
Max Baucus (D-MT)
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Bill Frist (R-TN)
Richard Durbin (D-IL)
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

E. Clay Shaw (R-22nd, FL)
Charles Rangel (D-15th, NY)
William Thomas (R-22nd, CA)
Sander Levin (D-12th, MI)
Ben Cardin (D-3rd, MD)

Send your Members a thank you message today by visiting the CRS Action Center at <http://actioncenter.crs.org> now!

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