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A recent Massachusetts Senior Care Association member survey documents that the Trump Administration's decision to end the temporary protected status (TPS) for Haitians living in the United States will have a negative impact on the ability of skilled nursing facilities to provide quality care to frail and disabled residents. Massachusetts nursing facilities, like other human service providers, rely heavily on first-generation Americans and immigrants to meet resident care needs. Eliminating TPS for Haitians would undoubtedly exacerbate the sector's staffing shortages, as 1 in 7 direct care positions are currently unfilled. The Mass Senior Care Association survey on the impact of the TPH elimination for Haitians indicates:

- Over one third of nursing facilities employ approximately 1,100 individuals that are in TPS; and
- Facilities reported employing staff members on TPS are generally located in urban areas.