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**COMMISSIONER SIPLIN CONDEMNS PRESIDENT TRUMP'S REPORTED DIVISIVE
REMARKS ABOUT HAITI, EL SALVADOR AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

ORANGE COUNTY, FL – On the eve of the commemorative day of the 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti, I find President Trump's reported comments about Haiti, El Salvador and African countries unacceptable and inaccurate.

Haiti has long history with the United States, dating back to the American Revolutionary War, where 500 heroic Haitians volunteered to fight alongside the American troops for America's independence. Haiti is a country with rich natural resources and remains a desirable tourism destination. While President Trump's reported comments are harsh, he is regrettably misinformed about one of the United States closest neighboring allies.

Victoria P. Siplin is the Commissioner of Orange County District 6, which encompasses the heart of Central Florida hospitality and tourism industry that employs a significant number of hard-working and tax paying immigrants, specifically Haitians.

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