



RPC Highlight

H.R. 6504 - *Haiti Economic Lift Program Extension Act*

Sponsored by Rep. Greg Murphy (NC-03)

RPC Region 5

Bill Summary:

This legislation extends the Haiti Economic Lift (HELP) and Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership and Encouragement (HOPE) trade preference programs until December 31, 2028. The HOPE and HELP programs provide duty-free treatment of apparel and textile goods imported from Haiti and expired in September 2025.

Policy Background:

In 1983, Congress enacted the *Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA)* which provided limited duty-free treatment for select imports from certain Caribbean countries. CBERA excluded certain goods such as petroleum products, footwear, handbags and luggage, and certain apparel items.

In 2000, Congress enacted the *Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)* which provided duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel made in CBI countries as long as the products meet country of origin requirements. In October of 2020, Congress extended the CBTPA through 2030.

In 2006, Congress enacted the *Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act* to provide expanded preferential treatment for Haitian apparel goods, to promote investment in Haiti's apparel industry and provide economic stability in the country.

In 2010, Congress enacted the *Haiti Economic Lift Program Act* which provides duty-free treatment for additional textile and apparel goods from Haiti, and made additional changes to CBTPA including requiring Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to ensure products are not transshipped illegally through Haiti.

Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Presse release, February 27, 2025.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Ways and Means Committee on December 10, 2025, by voice vote.