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**AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL HAITIAN ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS IN FLORIDA**

**GREETINGS TO ALL ELECTED AND FRIENDS OF HAITIANS,**

**We have a major problem that is pervasive in our community that we are not organize. Our elected public officials need to address such an important issue head on but we need some willing participants so that we can attain our goals and solution. Because of our lack of desire, we are incapable to resolve some of the most important problems that are plaguing our people and our community at large.**

**One possible solution that I recommend to overcome some of our obstacles is to organize and address our community to discuss issues that I have recommended before. Fore example, I have put forth a plan where our elected can discuss First, Immigration Reform, Second, Hurricane Preparedness, Third, Housing/Foreclosure Prevention, Finally, the importance of voter's education.**

**It is important if we can at least gather half of all of our Haitian elected to address our community because we understand that some may not be available therefore, we need to move forward with those that are willing and able....If I can start with only one elected to participate that will be a good start and then we can engage the others. I cannot engage the others Haitians elected throughout the DIASPORA unless Florida hasn't taken the leadership....We need to move forward and I am going to need all of the help to make this meeting a success! Can it be done? Of course we can do it!**

**I have an idea where our meeting can commence, we can meet in the wonderful city of North Miami Beach, Fla. My friends we can sent a very powerful message throught our community that we are here to begin anew and most importantly this is a city were we are on the majority residence paying our fair share of taxes. I can remember in the year 2002 we had no one of HAITIAN descend that was elected in said city. I can also tell you during said year we didn't have ten (10) elected and there is now way possible that I could have come before you and request that we come together to begin a meeting of that magnitude..... I ma a little bold because I understand the history behing this process pretty well this is why I know our time has come and this time couldn't be better. Most importantly, because of our hard work and persistent I can report to you that in 2007 we have now three (3) Haitians elected in NORTH MIAMI BEACH and we are just getting started! This is a rich city with a wonderful Performing Arts Center many of you have participated in said center because our community from all over Florida have utilized this center to participate during many performance, and I am looking forward to have our wonderful meeting there as well.**

**Our people deserve better. And we are looking forward to provide a worthwhile meeting were they can ask question and we can witness a dialogue that is well derserving....Thank you for your time.**

**LUNION FAIT LA FORCE,**

**THERE IS STRENGT IN UNITY**

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