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Statement from Comptroller Brooke Lierman on U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision in *Mullin v. Doe*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (June 26, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today issued the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision in *Mullin v. Doe*.

“What the Supreme Court decided in *Mullin v. Doe* is wrong and will have lasting consequences for Maryland’s families, communities, and economy.

“Temporary Protected Status is not a loophole. Congress created this designation decades ago because it recognized that there are places in the world that are simply too dangerous to return to safely. That fact hasn’t changed for Haiti or Syria; the U.S. State Department continues to advise Americans against traveling to either country. Yet this decision permits the administration to remove people who have spent years living here legally, working, raising families, and contributing to our communities and economy simply because their status was always labeled “temporary.”

“Here in Maryland, these families are our neighbors, coworkers, and business owners. For years, Haitians have helped power industries across our state like the Eastern Shore’s poultry industry. Syrian families have rebuilt their lives here after fleeing war and dictatorship, enriching our communities in countless ways. Our Agency’s [Immigration and the Economy Report](#) shows that roughly one in five members of our workforce are international immigrants: they strengthen our economy, support critical industries, and help build the communities we all call home.

“What stays with me from my short time in Haiti is not the hardship, but the extraordinary ingenuity, creativity, and resilience of its people. Maryland is stronger because people from around the world, including Haitians and Syrians, have chosen to build their lives here.

“A state, like an ecosystem, does not become stronger by becoming less diverse. Our economy, our culture, and our communities are more resilient because of the very people this ruling now places at risk. Removing thousands of working residents from our communities is not only a moral failure, it’s an economic mistake that will harm small businesses, disrupt industries, and weaken Maryland’s long-term prosperity.

“The Court did not require the administration to terminate these protections; it merely allowed it to do so. The Trump administration should choose a different path. Haitians and Syrians who have followed the law, trusted the process, worked hard, and invested in this country deserve more than a countdown clock on their future. They deserve certainty, dignity, and a path to permanence.”

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