

Attestation on behalf of Dr. Joseph Baptiste

By

Ambassador Curtis A. Ward, J.D., LL.M.

I have known Dr. Joseph Baptiste in a personal and professional capacity for the past 10-15 years. During this time I have served with Dr. Baptiste in a number of Caribbean-American civic organizations. In these capacities, Dr. Baptiste has been generous in his time, leadership, and philanthropy to advance the effectiveness of these organizations for the benefit of the communities they served – the Caribbean and Haitian Diasporas in the United States. His integrity and personal financial commitments have proved to be quite beneficial and priceless in advancing the objectives of these organizations.

Dr. Baptiste has been a resolute advocate for, and provided unselfish leadership in advancing the interests of the Haitian people in the Diaspora and in his country of birth, Haiti. Through his work he has brought attention to and relief for the people of Haiti in response to the many tragedies that have affected that country over the past several years. He has been the go-to person for information on Haiti and how that country might be assisted in advancing its economic and political development. Through his untiring efforts he has made significant contributions in promoting United States-Haiti relations, including with the U.S. Congress and the U.S Department of State, in advancing the mutual interests of both countries.

Dr. Baptiste has dedicated a great deal of effort to the promotion of good governance, rule of law, and respect for human rights in Haiti. He has shown a great deal of empathy for the marginalized communities in Haiti, and has led many efforts through Haitian civic organizations he has founded to ease the suffering of the Haitian people. It is my hope that Dr. Baptiste will have the opportunity to continue the good works for which he is best known, admired, and capable.

I take great pleasure in attesting to Dr. Baptiste's value to his community and to his service in the mutual interests of the United States and Haiti, and to his service to the Caribbean Diaspora.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Curtis A. Ward, J.D., LL.M.

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