



February 2, 2021

Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Today we are writing to express our deep concern for the critical situation that the Cuban people are facing after living under communism for more than 62 years. Recently, after a new assessment of its previous and new transgressions of international laws, Cuba was placed again on the list of states that sponsor terrorism. It must remain there because of the many terrorist activities that have defined the Cuban regime all these years.

On February 24, 1996, Castro MIG fighters ambushed and slaughtered three American citizens and one U.S. permanent resident in international air space. The four young men were volunteer pilots and spotters trying to save the lives of desperate refugees at sea who were trying to escape from communism in Cuba. To this date, Raul Castro and the other perpetrators in this brutal act remain unpunished.

The above-mentioned massacre of February 24, 1996 is only one of the many terrorist acts committed by the totalitarian regime in Cuba. The regime has institutionalized terror in both its domestic and international practices. The murder of political prisoners and dissidents, outright violent persecution against civil society, and the repression of the most fundamental human rights and freedoms remain mainstays of the Cuban police state.

Internationally, the regime continues a close alliance with states and non-states actors that sponsor terrorism, such as Venezuela, Syria, North Korea, Iran as well as FARC, ELN, Hezbollah and Mexican cartels. It also maintains direct participation in the lethal repression in support of the dictatorial regimes in Venezuela and Nicaragua and facilitates through them several safe havens, weapons and political support to those narcoterrorists organizations for their criminal and illicit activities in the region. Cuba also protects scores of fugitives from U.S. justice.

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Most worrisome has been the use of microwave pulse weapons used by the regime against U.S. and Canadian diplomats stationed in Havana causing, in some cases, irreparable physical damage. These attacks have been documented by the U.S. Academy of Sciences and other medical experts.

Today the Cuban people are at a historic crossroads because the regime is facing a devastating crisis in the economic, political, and social fields. Whereas the temptation may be to deal with the symptoms of the dictatorship, such as political prisoners and refugees, we urge you instead to deal with the causes of the political, economic, cultural and social repression. The principal deterrent to a change in Cuba is to stop the sense of impunity that the Communist dictatorship has always displayed despite the numerous crimes against humanity it has committed.

It is because of the record of atrocities perpetrated by the Cuban regime that we urge you, as representatives of a united community, to maintain Cuba on the list of states sponsors of terrorism. By any rational standard measure, the Castro-ruled regime belongs on that list.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance in matters concerning Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua.

Respectfully,

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