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Honorable Secretary Scott Bessent
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to you today to respectfully request the cessation of all travel to and from Communist Cuba and eliminating remittances to the island, with very limited, humanitarian exceptions approved by the State Department. The regime in Cuba is a listed State Sponsor of Terrorism, harbors criminal fugitives of American justice, and presents a clear threat to the safety of the United States and our citizens. As you know, this issue is one of great importance to the Cuban-American community and to millions of Americans who hold freedom, democracy, and human rights as our guiding principles.

During President Trump's first term, his leadership in reversing the Obama administration's disastrous policies of appeasement toward the Cuban regime brought hope to those who have long suffered under Communist rule. The Trump Administration's actions—most notably the tightening of restrictions on travel and remittances—were welcomed by our community as a much-needed step to limit the regime's access to resources and hard currency to further exploit and oppress the Cuban people. We applaud and welcome the Administration's most recent policies to ban vessels arriving from Communist Cuba at U.S. ports, but more must be done.

I urge you, Mr. Secretary, to take swift and decisive action in halting all travel to and from Communist Cuba and eliminating the flow of remittances to the island. The murderous dictatorship in Cuba is on life-support, the regime cannot even keep the lights on, and America must stand with the Cuban people to topple this pathetic gang, once and for all. I look forward to your continued leadership on this important issue and stand ready to work with you to ensure that the Cuban people will not be abandoned in their fight for freedom. The time is now.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Gimenez

Member of Congress
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