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To President Joe Biden,
cc Vice President Kamala Harris

Dear Mr President,

All over the world, including in the United States and in Sweden, organizations, politicians, journalists and individuals are opposing the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, the longest and most far-reaching in the world. They are protesting against the fact that the United States, without evidence, has designated Cuba as a terrorist country, when in fact Cuba has always had to protect itself from terrorist attacks perpetrated by the United States and Cuban exiles.

The original embargo memorandum is appallingly cynical and in violation of international law. The memorandum states verbatim that the U.S. motive for the embargo is to "cause the Cuban people to turn against their government by causing starvation and hardship, thus replacing it with a government that better serves U.S. interests." (*Lester Mallory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, in a then classified memorandum, April 6, 1960*).

This year, just like every year since 1992, the UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favor of Cuba's annual resolution to end the U.S. economic blockade. 187 countries voted in favor of the resolution. The United States and Israel voted against it. The Republic of Moldova abstained. (*See how representatives of countries in the "US backyard" support Cuba's resolution: un.org*).

Despite this, the United States, the world's largest economy and military power, continues to starve and harass Cuba year after year, without Cuba posing any kind of threat to the United States.


Cuba is a small island kingdom with a little more than 11 million inhabitants. After 62 years of the blockade, the country's economy is being hit ever harder. This has led to acute food insecurity and oil shortages.

What if Sweden, with roughly the same number of inhabitants as Cuba, were living under a 62-year economic blockade that prohibits financial transactions with foreign countries, prohibits doing business in dollars, makes it impossible to buy spare parts for Sweden's ironworks and factories or receive donations from abroad when we are in need? What would our society look like then? Probably as worn down and starved as Cuba is today.

President Biden! We beg you! Do the right and humane thing before you leave office:

- Remove Cuba from the US list of State Sponsors of Terrorism, OSST**
- Cancel Trump's 243 measures against Cuba**
- Propose Congress to lift the blockade**

Sincerely yours,


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