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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to deny a visa to travel to Cuba to a member of Congress who has reportedly accepted an invitation by Cuban tyrant Fidel Castro to travel to the island and who stated that he intends to take US businessmen along with him on the trip. This trip does not fall under the guidelines which rule travel to Cuba and issuance of visas would contradict your own Administration's public pronouncements to enforce the embargo against Castro.

It is important to make clear that the United States will penalize anyone who willingly violates the embargo toward Castro. Furthermore, the possible presence of businessmen on this trip clearly shows that it is an attempt to lobby the United States government to lift the embargo so their businesses can take advantage of Castro's new slave economy.

This case is a clear cut opportunity for your Administration to signal that your support for the embargo are backed by actions not only words.

Once again, I urge you to deny visas to this member of Congress and his travel associates to Cuba. Your urgent attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Warren Christopher  
Mr. Richard Newcombe