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President

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**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Luis Gonzalez, Vice-Pres.  
International Longshoremen's  
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Miami, FL 33132

**Re: ILA Support of the People of Cuba**

Dear Vice-President Gonzalez:

As I read the recent news, I am extremely saddened by reports of the brutal treatment and horrific oppression of the people of Cuba. As Americans, we value our freedom, democratic government and basic human rights. Although we often take these liberties for granted, Americans are truly fortunate to have these benefits and all people, regardless of where they live, should also enjoy these benefits. No human should be forced to endure the violence, intimidation, and censorship that Cuban citizens have suffered as they peacefully beg for their freedom.

As you know, there are many Cuban-American ILA members in ports in Southeast Florida. Many of these members have escaped the atrocities in Cuba themselves or have family members who have fled Cuba. Please convey to all ILA members in your area that the ILA strongly stands in solidarity with the people of Cuba in their struggle for freedom against the current regime. The ILA has always been an unwavering supporter of civil rights for all people. The people of Cuba should have a voice to select their government representatives and to express their beliefs, regardless of what they may be. The ILA supports the Cuban people's efforts to obtain freedom from oppression and hopes that they will soon realize their democratic aspirations.

Fraternally yours,



Harold J. Daggett  
President

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