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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary  
Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

The Honorable Scott Bessent  
Secretary  
Department of Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Rubio and Secretary Bessent,

I write to you about a concerning issue I have been seeing recently in South Florida. A number of companies have been recently opened in order to effect a variety of services whose principal purpose is the evasion of sanctions on the communist regime in Cuba. I request that the State and Treasury Departments look into these violations and take appropriate action.

**These companies make a mockery of sanctions on Cuba.**

Companies created to offer services such as “tourism packages,” “logistics,” door-to-door shipping and car sales are none other than a clear-cut form of evading sanctions on Cuba. In the communist totalitarian system in Cuba, nothing can be imported to the island without the regime taking its cut. Both the spirit and the letter of the United States law regarding Cuba prohibit American tourism in Cuba as well as commerce with the communist regime. Moreover, President Trump made it clear in his June 30<sup>th</sup> National Security Presidential Memorandum on Cuba that he supports strict enforcement of sanctions on the regime.

**Many of these businesses are owned by regime accomplices.**

Behind the façade of regular businessmen, the reality is that most of these enterprises have been founded by individuals closely connected to the regime. For example, in the case of Jorge Javier Rodríguez Cabrera who was recently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, it has been revealed that he is a close associate of one of Raúl Castro’s grandchildren. It is not unthinkable that many of these companies have been created with the knowledge and consent of the communist regime.

**Take appropriate action against these companies.**

My constituents want their government to look into this flaunting of the law. They feel it is an insult to all of their hardships in building new lives as Americans that some people would seek to undercut the fight for freedom in Cuba.

Please look into this matter and take the appropriate legal action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Elvira Salazar'.

María Elvira Salazar  
Member of Congress