



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

May 20th, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The United States' leadership role in promoting democracy and human rights is at stake under your watch. You must stop empowering dictators and ignoring our democratic allies in Latin America.

The Summit of the Americas has not even started yet and it is already being characterized as a disaster. With the Summit only weeks away, there is chaos and confusion surrounding the planning and guest list. At a recent Foreign Affairs Committee hearing, the State Department told me that you are in charge of the invitation list for the Summit. Today, we are hearing you are inviting the Cuban Regime to the Summit. This is unacceptable to the Cuban exile community, which you have systematically ignored throughout your Presidency.

How can you invite the Cuban Regime when your own State Department says they are a State Sponsor of Terror and engage in human trafficking? It is clear you are relying on the bad advice of your Special Advisor for the Summit of the Americas, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, and Special Assistant Juan Gonzalez, instead of consulting with professionals.

It's not too late. Do the right thing and ensure dictatorships like Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela do not attend the Summit of the Americas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Elvira Salazar', written in a cursive style.

María Elvira Salazar
Member of Congress