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**The Cuban American Bar Association
Condemns the Cuban Regime's Role in Venezuela's Ongoing Political Crisis**

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To-date, more than fifty countries worldwide recognize Juan Guaidó as the legitimate leader of Venezuela. These countries include: The United States of America, Spain, France, Britain, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru and Costa Rica, among many others. Notwithstanding, the Cuban government finds itself among the list of nations, including China and Russia, who maintain steadfast support for Nicolas Maduro's repressive, illegitimate regime in Venezuela.

Economically feeble, the Cuban-regime's most emphasized export in recent history has been its Communist ideology. For years, the Cuban regime has traded contracts for social welfare and security services in exchange for petroleum subsidization and foreign currency payments from the Venezuelan regime. This economic relationship highlights Cuba's favored method of foreign relations: lending, and profiting from, its professional human capital abroad in order to further cement its relationship with other ideologically like-minded nations. The Cuban regime has also clearly aided Nicolas Maduro's regime in order to keep them in power in Venezuela even as Venezuelan citizens call for true democracy and the return of the rule of law to their nation.

A great number of Venezuelan citizens have taken to the streets in opposition to Nicolas Maduro's regime. News outlets have reported that amid mounting pressure to leave office and international calls to step down from the presidency, Nicolas Maduro's ability to cling to power has been heavily bolstered by aid from the Cuban regime.

The Cuban American Bar Association (CABA) denounces the continued imposition of Nicolas Maduro's illegitimate and repressive regime in Venezuela. CABA supports the recognition of Juan Guaidó as Venezuela's legitimate interim leader and stands with the Venezuelan people in support of the peaceful call for democratic reform for the Venezuelan nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maria Garcia', is written over a faint, circular watermark or seal.

Maria D. Garcia
President