

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 8, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Trump,

It is our understanding that your Administration will conclude its U.S.-Cuba policy review in the coming weeks. We are grateful that your Administration is conducting such a thorough review of the current U.S.-Cuba policy. However, as a matter of U.S. national security, we are deeply concerned about recent reports that your Administration is considering reversing new policies toward Cuba.

Given Cuba's proximity, it is a natural partner for strategic cooperation on issues of immediate concern. Since the thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations, the United States and Cuba have signed nine formal bilateral agreements that have improved efforts to combat human trafficking, illicit drug trade, fraud identification, and cybercrime. A rollback of Cuba policy would threaten those efforts and in turn, the safety of the American people.

More concerning, if we fail to engage politically and economically, our foreign competitors and potential adversaries will rush to fill the vacuum in our own backyard. For instance, Russia is already strengthening its ties with Cuba, supporting infrastructure investment and resuming oil shipments for the first time this century. China is also expanding its footprint in Cuba as well. China is now Cuba's largest trading partner and heavily invested in providing telecommunications services, among other investments, on the island.

Reversing course would incentivize Cuba to once again become dependent on countries like Russia and China. Allowing this to happen could have disastrous results for the security of the United States. Alternatively, we can counter the growing threat of foreign influence in our region by engaging with our island neighbor. We can help empower the Cuban people by providing high-quality American goods and supporting Cuba's growing private sector through increased American travel.

We urge you to prioritize U.S. national security and not return to a policy of isolation that will only serve to embolden adversarial foreign power in the region.

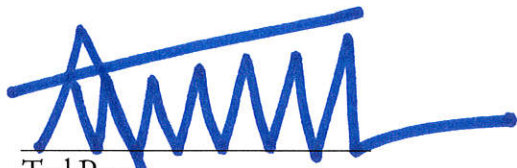
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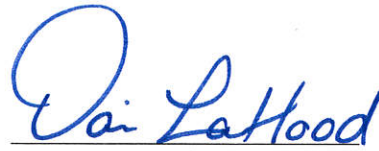
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Member of Congress



Rick Crawford
Member of Congress

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Ted Poe
Member of Congress

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Darin LaHood
Member of Congress

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Roger Marshall
Member of Congress

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James Comer
Member of Congress

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Jack Bergman
Member of Congress

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