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Driebergen-Rijsenburg,

Dear President Miguel Díaz-Canel,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the arbitrary re-imprisonment of Cuban opposition leaders and prisoners of conscience, José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro, in the early hours of 29 April 2025. Both men had previously been released in January under a conditional regime imposed without their consent. Their re-arrest – without prior judicial notification or access to legal representation – constitutes a clear violation of their right to liberty and security of person.

José Daniel Ferrer is held incommunicado, without access to his family or legal counsel. Such conditions are deeply alarming. Incommunicado detention may facilitate torture, ill-treatment, or enforced disappearance.

Félix Navarro, a 71-year-old former teacher and long-standing political activist, has now been imprisoned three times for peacefully expressing his views. He suffers from multiple chronic health conditions, including diabetes and post-COVID-19 pulmonary complications, and was granted precautionary measures by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 2022.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release José Daniel Ferrer and Félix Navarro; and put an end to the misuse of conditional release as a tool to control the freedom of expression.

Yours sincerely,

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