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I am pleased to sign into law today the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992. This bill embodies many of the measures that my Administration has taken over the last four years to bring about a peaceful transition to a democratic government in Cuba.

Our policies ^{+ our principles -- our} ~~and~~ steadfast opposition to Castro's dictatorship [^] have contributed significantly to that goal. Today Cuba stands more isolated than ever before. In a democratic world, communist governments no longer hold sway, ~~and~~ Cuba's special relationship with the former Soviet Union is over, ~~and~~ we have worked to ensure that no other government ~~has stretched out a hand to~~ help [^] a Cuban regime that so mercilessly represses the basic freedoms of its people.

4 → People all over the world have chosen through their votes representative democracy and free market systems. The Cuban people deserve no less. In strengthening our embargo, the Cuban Democracy Act will speed the inevitable decay and ~~disappearance~~ ^{demise} of the Cuban dictatorship. [I fully expect that during my next term in office Cuba will join the ranks of democratic states and its citizens will finally be represented by leaders of their own choosing.]

Strengthen

It is my ^{firm belief} ~~conviction~~, that during my second term as President, I will be the first American President to set foot on the soil of a free + independent Cuba.

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~~Our~~ our policy and the Cuban Democracy Act are not designed to hurt the Cuban people. I am saddened by their suffering; by the scarcity of food and medicines; by families split apart and sons and daughters lost at sea; by their loss of freedom. ~~This~~ ^{It most importantly,}

But our policy is the only way to create
~~legislation offers~~ incentives for the Cuban people to pursue a democratic opening. When Cuba carries out free and fair elections, when it respects the basic human rights of its citizens, when it ^{recognizes the rights of all people to} ~~allows~~ a free press and ~~takes the steps~~ ^{to} necessary ~~to ensure~~ representative democracy, ^{then + only then} we will be able to take steps to end the embargo. When the Cuban people are given back their voice, their vote, and the future of their country, we will stand ready to help them rebuild their country ~~and~~ to help reintegrate Cuba into our democratic hemisphere of nations. ~~This~~ ^{The}

Cuban Democ. Act - Cuba ~~its~~ ^{if does} law will help them regain their freedom, and when they do, we will be there with trade and investment and help for the Cuban people. ^{But let me be clear.} Our help and that of the world community should be given

provide life support to ~~succor~~ a failed dictatorship. This legislation will help contribute to a goal I've long sought -- a free and democratic Cuba.

The Cuban people have suffered enough. Change must come. Cuba must be free. Thank you and God Bless the United States of America.

There is a saying - "En las noventa,
 Se recreata" (?)

* President used this at Florida
 International Univ., April 27.