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President William J. Clinton
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Joining hands and hearts with women and children for peace, justice and human rights

Dear President Clinton,

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization that has worked since 1983 in partnership with community-based women's organizations worldwide to address issues of women's health, economic development, and other human rights.

Enclosed are statements signed by some of MADRE's 23,000 members worldwide, urging you to force an end to the use of disease and hunger as weapons against the Cuban people. The signatories have joined MADRE's campaign to fight breast cancer in Cuba by supporting Cuban women with medicine to prevent and treat breast cancer.

MADRE's membership has, since our beginning, been extremely concerned about the devastating impact of the US embargo on the people of Cuba. We oppose the United States embargo of Cuba and support the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba. The embargo is illegal, immoral, and disingenuous: the embargo hurts the entire Cuban population – the very people the US says it is trying to “save” from Castro.

The new US policy changes toward Cuba do not ease the food shortages or public health crisis associated with the embargo. Rather, they help to cultivate an alternative, private sector in Cuba and create a new economic class that is dependent on the US for its wealth.

In this election year, we urge you to act responsibly and to respect the sovereignty of Cuba. We call for an end to the embargo and for the normalization of relations with Cuba.

Sincerely,

Vivian Stromberg
Executive Director

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**STOP USING DISEASE AS A WEAPON
AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF CUBA!**

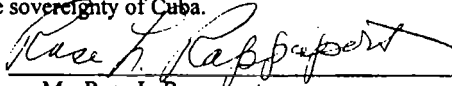
For: The Honorable Joseph Crowley
The House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

I have just joined MADRE's Share Hope Campaign to send badly needed medical supplies to women battling breast cancer in Cuba. I am donating my money to help stop the loss of life being caused by the unjust U.S. embargo against Cuba. I cannot in good conscience sit by while my government's foreign policy withholds medicine and food from women and their families.

I URGE YOU TO:

1. Support lifting the trade embargo in Cuba
2. Normalize relations between the U.S. and Cuba.
3. Promote respect for the sovereignty of Cuba.

Sign here:



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