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Dear IFCO Pastors for Peace friends,

The Biden Administration and the 117th Congress have indicated they are willing to change the U.S. policy toward Cuba. Now it's time to support this – AND let them know you want them to act.

On February 4th, Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) [introduced](#) the U.S.-Cuba Trade Act of 2021 **to repeal outdated sanctions on Cuba and establish normal trade relations with the island nation.** Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Richard Durbin (D-IL), and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) are co-sponsors of the bill as well, and you can read the full text of it [here](#).

Representatives Bobby Rush (D-IL), Steve Cohen (D-TN), and Gwen Moore (D-WI) circulated a dear colleague letter to President Biden, **urging him to reverse the Trump Administration's cruel policies against the Cuban people and to renew dialogue with Cuba.**

**The IFCO/Pastors for Peace Faith Committee asks you to write your U.S. Representative and Senators.** Ask them to support improved US-Cuba relations and to support new legislation in the U.S. Senate, the U.S.-Cuba Trade Act of 2021. Take these steps toward ending the Blockade. Here are some sample letters. Use them and add your own stories. Write as an individual and take it to your congregation or group to get them to respond (as an entity and as individuals). *Click these links to:* [Find your Representative](#) [Find your Senators](#)

### Sample Scripts

#### For your senators:

*“My name is [First and Last Name] and I am a constituent from [Address, City, State, Zip Code]. I am urging Senator [Last Name] to co-sponsor the U.S.-Cuba Trade Act of 2021. Our nation's embargo on Cuba is a relic from the 1960s that has only brought pain and hardship to the island and to Cubans in the United States. This outdated policy of isolation must be repealed immediately. We need to forge a new relationship with our island neighbor, one of mutual respect and increased engagement. Swift action to restore trade with and travel to Cuba will help the people in Cuba, especially as they suffer their current economic and humanitarian crisis, worsened by the pandemic. (Add your story here.) I can be reached at [Email Address]. Thank you for your attention to this issue.”*

#### For your representative:

*“My name is [First and Last Name] and I am a constituent from [Address, City, State, Zip Code]. I am urging Representative [Last Name] to support the dear colleague letter to President Biden circulated by Rep. Rush and others. The Trump Administration imposed policies that restricted travel to Cuba and tightened sanctions on the island. This letter reminds President Biden that with a stroke of a pen, he can reverse these policies and lead us down a path of dialogue and engagement. A majority of Cuban-Americans and other U.S. citizens support the normalization of U.S.-Cuba relations, and it is past time that we act according to the will of the people. (Add your story here.) I can be reached at [Email Address]. Thank you for your attention to this issue.”*

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