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La Habana
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Estimado Presidente Castro,

Greetings from WOLA, the Washington Office on Latin America, a non-governmental organization that advocates for human rights, democracy, and social justice in Latin America.

We write at this moment to urge you to consider a humanitarian parole for Alan Gross, the U.S. citizen whose fifteen year sentence for violating Law 88 on the Protection of the National Independence and the Economy was recently upheld by the Cuban Supreme Court.

We write to urge you to consider paroling Mr. Gross for humanitarian reasons. Since his arrest, he has spent more than a year and a half in prison. His health is poor, and he has lost considerable weight while under detention. Both his mother and his daughter are ill. It would be a generous and humanitarian gesture to parole Mr. Gross and return him to his family.

We write simply to urge you to consider a parole for Mr. Gross on humanitarian grounds. Now that the legal process has been completed, it is within your power to consider a humanitarian parole. We urge you to do so.

Yours,

Geoff Thale
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