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Freedom. It is man's most precious treasure, stolen from Cuba more than six decades ago. Thousands of Cubans have been born and died in slavery, thanks to ideology of Communism. Thousands of Cubans suffer daily, dying at sea, while crossing borders, rivers, and jungles in search of freedom. Men and women are raped, murdered, kidnapped in their search for a better future.

The Cuban regime introduced a new era of crimes against humanity which some nations welcome, thus showing their internal murderous and dictatorial instincts. It is a joke today that the dictatorship's spokespeople are viewed as defenders of human rights. Cuba mocks the nations when they listen and insults human intelligence when it claims that there is respect for religious freedom in Cuba, when in the 21st century they continue to demolish church temples and expropriate the houses of the same families again and again. This is what happened to me and my family. I was left homeless with my wife and daughters in 2007 and again on February 5, 2016. On each of these occasions, our possessions were confiscated by decision of the Communist Party. We were detained, tortured, threatened, tried, and regulated meaning that we were not allowed to leave the country from 2005 to 2013.

This Saturday, July 13, 2019 at approximately 7:30 pm, while going through customs after checking in for my flight, a customs official named Eliécer informed me that Cuban Counterintelligence has placed a regulation on me and that I am not permitted to travel. Once again I am imprisoned in the nation of Cuba, my rights as a citizen of Cuba have been stripped away.

Other pastors of the most prestigious denominations in the nation were also regulated, including Mrs. Alida, President of the Evangelical League Church, the President of the Western Baptist Convention of Cuba, and the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, thus creating a repressive wave against the church on the island. There is no religious liberty in Cuba, nor respect for the church, its ministers or its freedom.

It is time to stop keeping silent in the face of such cruelty. Castroism is the origin of all of these calamities, rebellions and miseries suffered by many nations in America and in the world. It is time to put an end to this machinery of death. If America and Cuba get rid of Castroism, there will be peace and a secure future for its citizens. Let us end the silence and passivity that makes us an accomplice of the criminal evil that these regimes offer as a way of life. Let us raise our voices against the organized crime of the oppressive Cuban regime, and demand freedom from Cuba, to bring peace and freedom to our region.

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