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Jay Collins and Other Leaders Denounce the Tyrannical Cuban Regime

Tallahassee, FL – Senator Jay Collins was joined by Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, Senator Alexis Calatayud, Senator Nick DiCeglie, Representative Danny Alvarez, Representative Berny Jacques, Representative Alina Garcia and Cuban political exile Roberto Pizano at a press conference in front of the Old Capitol steps today to denounce the tyrannical Cuban regime.

At the press conference, Collins announced that he is sponsoring a resolution condemning the Cuban government and the elected officials in Hillsborough County who met with a Cuban ambassador to the United States earlier this month. The Senate resolution is also supported by Senators Garcia, Calatayud, and DiCeglie.

“Let me be crystal clear on this. We here in the Free State of Florida have nothing to gain from meeting with the leadership from Cuba’s totalitarian regime,” **said Jay Collins**. “As a Green Beret, our motto is ‘De Oppresso Liber,’ or ‘To Free the Oppressed.’ I will not forget the Cuban exiles in our state, and I will continue to fight against communism in all forms.”

“I was proud to stand with Senator Collins and my legislative colleagues today in support of freedom for Cuba,” **said Senator Rodriguez**. “This is an issue near and dear to my heart and I will not stop fighting for their freedom.”

“We have a responsibility as a State to unite against tyrannical regimes who willingly oppress their peoples and stifle freedom. Instead of glad-handing with officials from the Cuban government, it is our duty to not provide them with any credence or credit.” **stated Senator Nick DiCeglie**. “That is why I am honored to have had the opportunity today to stand with my fellow Legislators and Mr. Pizano in this fight against oppression.”

“I’m honored to stand here today in solidarity with Senator Collins, Mr. Pizano and my esteemed colleagues from the Legislature against the despotic tyrannical regime nestled just 90 miles away from our shores,” **said Representative Jacques**. “We are gathered here today to make something crystal clear; the Free State of Florida is not a friend of the Cuban communists, nor any of their henchmen that they send here to spin their twisted lies.”

“I don’t know anybody that believes that meeting with someone who represents one of the five sponsors of terror, one of the people that we are watching as a United States and say it’s okay to meet with them as an elected official,” **said Representative Alvarez**.

“We must condemn the Cuban regime for its actions and stand in solidarity with those fighting for freedom,” **said Representative Garcia**. “It is also our duty, as elected officials, to denounce the actions of those trying to whitewash and legitimize the actions of this brutal regime. By wining-and-dining the Cuban ambassador, these elected officials are sending a message that we are willing to overlook the regime’s atrocities and human rights violations – and I, as a proud Cuban American, will not tolerate this perverse behavior.”

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