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A Resolution Urging that Cuba Be Removed from U.S. List of State Sponsors of Terrorism

WHEREAS: President Biden has the authority to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list simply by his signature on an executive order; and

WHEREAS: The consequences of this claim that Cuba is a state sponsor of terrorism continues to inflict daily hardships and deprivations on the Cuban people creating shortages of basic necessities like food and medicine, and severely restricting international financial and trade opportunities. It prevents Cuba from obtaining vital medical equipment and supplies, and even impedes humanitarian aid responses to catastrophic events like Hurricane Ian which devastated both Florida and Cuba, thus harming the Cuban people who President Biden's administration claims to support; and

WHEREAS: Former President Trump arbitrarily reinstated Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism less than a week after the January 6th attempted coup, reversed the Obama-Biden administration's 2015 decision to remove this status after an exhaustive review by the U.S. State Department. Cuba does not satisfy any criteria for inclusion on this list; and

WHEREAS: Trump's arbitrary designation has subjected the people of Cuba to further sanctions and international financial restrictions that limit the nation's ability to carry out critical financial transactions, including those needed to advance efforts to combat the COVID pandemic and improve its economy; and

WHEREAS: In 2021, 117 members of the U.S. Congress called for a new policy of engagement with Cuba.

Therefore:

Be it RESOLVED that the Inlandboatmen's Union strongly urges Congressional members in their jurisdiction and President Biden to remove Cuba from the United States list of state sponsors of terrorism; and

Be It Further RESOLVED that Inlandboatmen's Union issues a press release regarding the details of this resolution to its media contacts within its jurisdiction.

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