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June 6, 2023

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for Removal of Cuba from the U.S. State Sponsors of Terrorism List

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The City of Emeryville would like to convey its support for removing Cuba for the U.S. State Sponsors of Terrorism List.

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The enclosed Emeryville City Council Resolution provides support for the restoration of relations between the United States and Cuba to those put in place by President Obama with a view of completely ending all U.S. policies and practices aimed at the economic isolation of Cuba.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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