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**Representative Duran Issues Statement on Cuba Sanctions**

**MIAMI** – Florida State **Representative Nicholas X. Duran (D-Miami)** issued the following statement following **President Joe Biden’s** actions to further increase pressure on the Cuban regime actively violating human rights.

“The recent protests against the communist dictatorship in Cuba have placed on full display the strength and resolve of the Cuban people's desire for liberty, and also the brutal repression of the Diaz-Canel regime. The communist government's response to any form of dissent or peaceful protest—violent suppression of protests, disappearances, and jailing of journalists—is precisely what the Cuban people are protesting against, as they are the economic and health care crises wrought by the failed policies of the communist dictatorship.

“President Biden’s support for the Cuban people has been unwavering. I applaud him and his administration's willingness to use the Magnitsky Act to further ramp up sanctions on key members of the communist regime. Using this as a powerful tool to pressure Diaz-Canel further shows our Cuban neighbors that the United States unequivocally stands with them.

“Human rights are not and should never be partisan. It is imperative that we as Miamians, as Floridians, and as Americans, stand in solidarity with the Cuban people as they peacefully demand liberty and freedom from over six decades of violent oppression.

“#SOSCuba”

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