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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
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Dear Attorney General Lynch,

First, I would like to congratulate you on your recent and long-awaited confirmation as Attorney General. The Department of Justice is grappling with many issues of great importance to our nation and I look forward to working with you.

I write you today regarding the issue of Cuban crime rings that have exploited loopholes in the Cuban Adjustment Act to evade arrest, avoid prosecution, and deliver money stolen from American businesses and taxpayers back to Cuba. According to an exhaustive investigation published earlier this year by the South Florida Sun Sentinel, these loopholes have enabled “crooks from the island to rob American businesses and taxpayers of more than \$2 billion over two decades.”

The Cuban Adjustment Act was enacted to give the Cuban people a chance at escaping the oppressive Castro regime, not to create a pipeline for sophisticated financial fraud – including Medicare fraud. Yet crime rings in South Florida are using our humanitarian policy to successfully send cash and criminals back to the island without fear that the Cuban regime will extradite these fugitives.

Given the extent of the criminal activity described by the Sun Sentinel, I hope you agree that the issue of fugitives must be addressed during talks underway between the United States and Cuba. I respectfully request an update on the Department of Justice’s engagement on this critical issue.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to a response on the Department’s efforts to make justice for those who defraud Americans a priority in your negotiations with Cuba. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch
Member of Congress