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MAYOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your strong leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic that is affecting our nation.

I am writing today to respectfully request that all travel from Cuba to the United States be restricted due to the increased threat of passengers possibly infected with COVID-19 entering our country. Miami-Dade currently has 20 flights between Miami and Cuba on a daily basis, and we just learned within the past hour of two travelers from Cuba who tested positive for COVID-19 and have now traveled through Miami International Airport to their final destination in California.

As you are well aware, Cuba has a long history of not reporting accurate information regarding health issues on the island, which poses a serious health threat to the United States and more specifically, South Florida. Because the health care system in Cuba and their tracking methods are also highly unreliable, it is especially important that we take immediate action to restrict travel to the United States from Cuba.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter that is directly impacting the safety, health and well-being of the 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", is written over a horizontal line.

c: Secretary Michael R. Pompeo, U.S. Department of State
Acting Secretary Chad F. Wolf, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Secretary Alex M. Azar II, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson,
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Lester Sola, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department