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Dear President,

Amnesty International the impartial and highly respected organization for the protection of Human Rights has informed me of the situation of **Roberto de Jesús Quiñones Haces**, a lawyer and independent journalist who was arrested on 11 September 2019 to deliver a prison sentence of 12 months.

Together with Amnesty International I consider him as prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of opinion and expression. I strongly demand from you to immediately and unconditionally release Roberto de Jesús Quiñones Haces and to drop all charges against him.

At the age of 63 and in view of his poor health conditions he is particularly exposed to an infection by COVID-19 which could be mortal under the present living conditions in the prison.

Should his detention be continued, I urge the authorities to protect him from torture and other ill-treatment, such as solitary confinement, and to guarantee his regular access to the lawyer of his choice, his family and to any healthcare he requires.

I urge you to issue an adequate amnesty for all prisoners of conscience with a similarly increased risk.

Thank you for respecting the Human Rights of every citizen of the Republic of Cuba.

Yours sincerely,

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