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Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President:

This letter is being written on behalf of all Venezuelans in exile in order to thank you for the correct steps the White House is taking to unmask and to put in its place the regime of Nicolas Maduro, which has put the control of Venezuela and its natural resources at the service of the Republic of Cuba and the worst causes that humanity had never imagined. That is why we are widely pleased that you have justly declared that regime as an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security of the United States.

ORVEX, Organization of Venezuelans in Exile, was founded in Miami, Florida, on April 11, 2005, as a help center for the increasing number of Venezuelans who are coming to the United States, seeking the freedom and peace that are being denied to them in their home country.

Likewise, we take this opportunity to remind you that the serious human rights violations that exist in Venezuela has caused an exodus of Venezuelans, which has no precedents, to countries of the free world. This situation includes but is not limited to the high murder rate, which the regime disguises as common crime murders to hide the selective assassinations that its paramilitary armed groups, among them the so called COLECTIVOS, such as TUPAMARO, as well as the FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA FRONT.

More and more Venezuelans arrive to the U.S. every day, fleeing that regime that you so correctly have qualified as a threat to the national security of the United States.

Now, we ask that you ask yourself the following: Which would be the end of those Venezuelans in the U.S. who, for not qualifying to be granted the protection of asylum, are in risk of being deported to a country where, starting from just yesterday, the office of the Minister of Interior of Venezuela is headed by an individual that you have just designated as a human rights violator? Try to answer that question with due sincerity, seriously considering that it is more likely than not that in the thwarted mind of that terrible regime, which is a friend of drug dealers and terrorism, any Venezuelan that is deported from the U.S. to Venezuela is a SUSPECT of having been stealthily trained by the CIA and the State Department to destabilize the regime of Nicolas Maduro and to kill the Head of State.

We estimate currently there are between 100 and 200 thousand Venezuelans who are in the U.S., either illegally or with denied asylum applications, whose physical and psychological integrities as well as their lives are at great danger of death in case they are returned to Venezuela given the existing unusual and extraordinary conditions yourself have correctly designated.

Given the current humanitarian crisis that exists in the United States with the Venezuelans in danger of being removed, we ask you that in the future actions you think to take against the Venezuelan regime, consider issuing a DED – Deferred Enforced Departure in favor of all Venezuelans who currently live in the United States and fear returning to a country whose regime has declared a war against those who think different from it.

We appeal to your good heart and we trust that God will continue lightening you to help the world to live in peace and democracy, and to relieve the existing humanitarian crisis of Venezuelans who are already in the U.S. and who have a terrible fear of being deported at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elio C. Aponte', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Elio C. Aponte
President - ORVEX