



## Legislation Text

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**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO RETAKE THE POLICY INITIATED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA TO BUILD A NEW COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA AND TO IMMEDIATELY END ALL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA**

Whereas, in 1960 the United States government imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba, and

Whereas, on December 17, 2014 President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations between the two countries, and

Whereas executive actions by President Obama easing certain regulations were reversed by the Trump administration which further tightened the embargo, and

Whereas trade between the United States and Cuba benefits both countries, particularly in the area of agriculture and medicine, and

Whereas an act to end the embargo would enable New Haven area enterprises to collaborate with Cuba's advanced bio-technical and medical research institutions in the areas of drug development, clinical tests, genetics, and medical devices, thus enhancing economic development and employment opportunities in our region, now, and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic requires international cooperation to conquer this disease world-wide as the U.S. embargo of Cuba is a major contributor to shortages of food, fuel and medical supplies, especially a lack of syringes to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Whereas, in March 2021 Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro was one of 79 members of Congress who signed a letter to President Biden to ease restrictions on Cuba and end the blockade

Whereas, in June 2021 the United Nations, for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row, in near unanimous vote, called for an end to the U.S. embargo against Cuba

Whereas, as a United Nations Peace Messenger City the people of our city join in this urgent call

Resolved that the New Haven Board of Alders urges President Biden to retake the policy initiated by President Obama to build a new cooperative relationship between the United States and Cuba, made more urgent in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

Resolved that the New Haven Board of Alders urges Congress and the President to immediately end all aspects of the United States economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba, and be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and other appropriate officials.