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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr President:

I am writing to state my concern for the safety of René González and to request that your administration find a legal instrument to allow René to return to Cuba. We find the decision of Judge Joan Leonard forcing René to live in Miami for the next three years not only unfair but, more importantly, dangerous to the life of René.

As you are well aware, René González was released from prison on October 7, 2011. René was jailed for thirteen years, accused and condemned for acts of terrorism against the United States.

We do not believe that the court cases against René and the other four Cubans, known as "the Cuban Five", have been properly conducted nor the charges appropriately proved and, as a consequence, the sentences unjustified; but this is another matter. As I mentioned earlier, right now what is of utmost importance is the safety of René González.

It is well-known that René, Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero and Fernando González were collecting information on the activities of anti-Cuban groups in the Miami area. It is also known that many of those anti-Cuban groups have practiced or stated publicly that violence is a justifiable means to depose the current government of Cuba.

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Keeping René in Miami is a call for those anti-Cuban groups to take revenge on a person that was spying on them, someone that they see as an enemy, is close by and easy to access.

We call on to you to exercise your powers as President of the United States of America to ensure that René González is allowed to return to his family in Cuba with expediency in order to ensure his life is safe.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Neumann". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: Teresita Vicente Sotolongo, Ambassador of Cuba to Canada
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Len McCluskey, General Secretary, Unite the Union
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