

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Leon Rodriguez
Director
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Director Rodriguez,

Our Congressional offices have received information that there is a large group of Cuban medical professionals who traveled to Colombia from Venezuela after fleeing from conscripted service of the communist Castro regime.

Through the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, these individuals have applied for visas to travel to the United States under the Cuban Medical Professional Parole Program (CMPP). We strongly support the CMPP Program which allows Cuban medical professionals to escape abysmal salaries, poor working conditions, and constant surveillance forced on them by the Castro regime.

In a matter of a couple of days, our offices have received over 30 cases requesting our assistance with applications under the CMPP Program, in addition to the existing cases that we already had pending. Among these cases, the applicants have been waiting, on average, over 120 days without receiving a notice or decision from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Many of these applicants applied in February of this year and have contacted our offices requesting information as to why this process is delayed without any determination made.

Accordingly, within all applicable rules and regulations, we respectfully request your attention to this matter and your immediate action to designate resources to work through this backlog as quickly as possible. We request that you afford the applicants fair, expeditious review and adjudication of their CMPP applications.

Sincerely,



ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
Member of Congress



MARIO DIAZ-BALART
Member of Congress



CARLOS CURBELO
Member of Congress