

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 12, 2015

The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Kerry:

We are writing to condemn the recent statements by Venezuela's Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS), Roy Chaderton, and request for the Department of State to revoke his visa immediately.

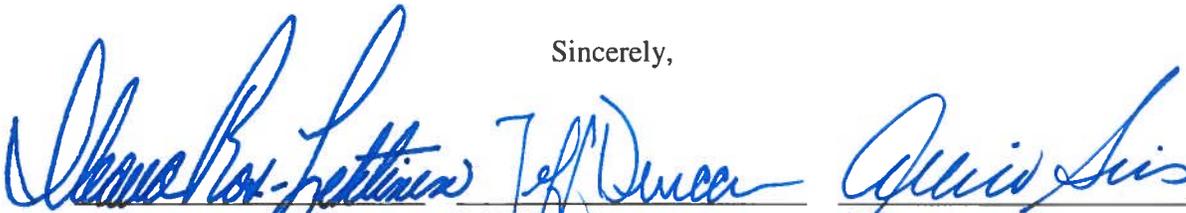
This week, Chaderton stated that "There comes a time when an opposition supporter's head can't be differentiated from a government supporter's head except for its contents... The sound produced [by a bullet] in an opposition supporter head is like a click because the skull is empty". This sort of inflammatory statement only serves to incite violence, legitimize human right abuses, and makes light of Maduro's deadly use of force against opposition protesters, in which over 40 people have been killed. The evident disdain in which the Maduro regime continues to treat democratic rights in Venezuela is illustrated by the regime's campaign to dehumanize opponents and criminalize dissent.

After Congress passed the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014, President Obama implemented the law by issuing an Executive Order this week to sanction seven Maduro regime officials for their roles in perpetrating human rights violations against the Venezuelan people. These seven individuals are now ineligible for visas to enter the U.S.

We believe that individuals who support, facilitate, condone, or make light of a tyrannical regime's deadly use of force against peaceful protesters should not have the privilege of access to the U.S. Therefore based on Chaderton's own insidious words, we strongly urge you to revoke his visa and deny his future access to the U.S. to ensure he is held accountable for his reprehensible and vile conduct.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

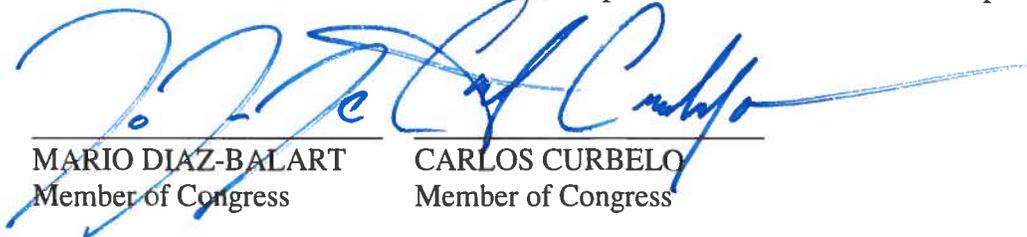
Sincerely,



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