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Maykel Castillo Pérez

Dear President,

I am much concerned about the situation of the Cuban musician **Maykel Castillo Pérez** (“El Osorbo”), who was arrested on 18th Mai 2021 by members of the Cuban security forces. For some time, his family was denied information about his whereabouts. Eventually, in June 2022, he was sentenced to nine years imprisonment because of his critical attitude towards the government. Inside prison, he has repeatedly been subjected to harassment and violent threats. Since then, his friends learned that his health has deteriorated in prison, but he has not been granted adequate medical treatment.

I strongly urge you to take immediate action and order the unconditional release of Maykel Castillo Pérez because he is a prisoner of conscience, imprisoned solely for exercising his rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Furthermore, I ask you to immediately grant him adequate medical care and to protect him from being harassed and maltreated.

Yours sincerely,