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Dear President Diaz-Canel,

I would like to draw your attention to the problematic situation of the Cuban citizen Loreto Hernández García, who was arrested by police forces on 15th July 2021 as a result of his participation in a demonstration in February 2022. A court in Santa Clara sentenced him to seven years imprisonment on vague charges such as "disrupting public order" and "disrespect". 14 other protesters were also found guilty, among them his wife, Donaida Pérez Paseiro, although it had merely been a peaceful demonstration critical of the government.

Loreto Hernández García is not in good health, suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, and other issues which cannot be treated in prison. However, the authorities have put him under pressure, insisting that he will only be released on condition that his wife, who has already been set free in January 2025, stop her activism.

I hereby urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Loreto Hernández García and other participants in that peaceful demonstration, namely Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, Maykel Castillo Pérez (Osorbo), Roberto Pérez Fonseca and Saylí Navarro.

Yours sincerely,