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Prisoner of Conscience

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Honorable President of Mexico  
Vicente Fox

Dear Mr. President:

Through these words we send warm greetings to you, your family, and the patriotic people of Mexico. We are grateful for your advisors' offer to deliver this message asking your support for the immediate release of Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet.

Dr. Biscet is among the principal voices heard from within the Cuban opposition movement. He is a fervent Christian and a disciple of the principals of Martin Luther King and Ghandi. Dr. Biscet has asked for a non violent change towards democracy in Cuba and has taken a strong stand in asking for free general elections as well as asking for the unconditional release of all political prisoners.

In 1999, on the eve of the Iberoamerican Summit in Havana, Dr. Biscet was sentenced to three years in prison. At that time, he was detained because he was accused of disrespecting patriotic symbols. During that period of time many organizations asked for his freedom. Some of these organizations are Physicians for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International. The last organization mentioned classified him as a prisoner of conscience.

Dr. Biscet was liberated on October 31, 2002. However, he only enjoyed thirty six days of freedom. He was arrested when he was heading to a meeting with friends where he was planning to speak and educate the opposition about human rights in Cuba and about his civic project "Club of Friends of Human Rights" (Club de Amigos de los Derechos Humanos.) He was arrested on December 5, 2002. Dr. Biscet was unjustly incarcerated in the prison Combinado del Este in Havana.

Mr. President, we are aware that you are one of the world's defending champions of democracy. Your stature as an international leader and your firm stand on the defense of just causes and of human rights encourage us to ask that you let your voice be heard in favor of this courageous Cuban medical doctor whose only goal is for Cubans to enjoy democracy, freedom of speech, and their rights just as the people of Mexico enjoy them.

Our people will always remember any public and private actions you may take. God bless you and the people of Mexico.

Affectionately, in representation of the Lawton Foundation for Human Rights,

Dr. Angel Garrido

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