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WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

RESOLUTION URGING THAT CUBA BE REMOVED FROM U.S. LIST OF STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM RESOLUTION #2024.28

WHEREAS, President Biden has the authority to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list simply by his signature on an executive order; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of this claim that Cuba is a state sponsor of terrorism continue to inflict daily hardships and deprivations on the Cuban people creating shortages of basic necessities like food and medicine, and severely restricting international financial and trade opportunities. It prevents Cuba from obtaining vital medical equipment and supplies, and even impedes humanitarian aid responses to catastrophic events like Hurricane Ian which devastated both Florida and Cuba, thus harming the Cuban people; and

WHEREAS, former President Trump arbitrarily reinstated Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism less than a week after the January 6th attempted coup, reversing the Obama-Biden administration's 2015 decision to remove this status after an exhaustive review by the U.S. State Department; and

WHEREAS, Cuba does not satisfy any criteria for inclusion on the list of state sponsors of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Trump's arbitrary designation has subjected the people of Cuba to further sanctions and international financial restrictions that limit the nation's ability to carry out critical financial transactions, including those needed to advance efforts to combat the COVID pandemic and improve its economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 117 members of the U.S. Congress called for a new policy of engagement with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO passed a resolution supporting an end to the travel restrictions and the trade and financial embargo against Cuba, and opposing efforts by the Trump administration to tighten the blockade; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO strongly urges the International Executive Board of the National AFL-CIO to state their opposition to the inclusion of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism; and be it finally

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TERRORISM (cont.)
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RESOLVED, that the executive board of the National AFL-CIO forward a copy of this resolution to President Joe Biden and inform President Biden of the AFL-CIO's opposition to the inclusion of Cuba on the list of state sponsors of terrorism.