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Harry Belafonte

Artist-Activist

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James Early

Board Member—Institute for Policy Studies

"With a history of success in working to change policy, LAWG is poised to play an important role in initiating a new era in U.S.-Cuba relations."

Danny Glover

Actor, Film Producer, Humanitarian, Activist

"LAWG has been on the front lines of efforts to normalize U.S. relations with Cuba and to extend to all U.S. citizens our right to travel to our island neighbor."

Dolores Huerta

Labor Leader, Activist, Feminist, Co-founder of the United Farm Workers

"LAWG is a leader in the movement to end the travel ban and embargo on Cuba. I happily endorse their work and urge you to support LAWG generously. We need a just policy toward Cuba now!"

Build the Momentum and Please Contribute Today

To make a **tax-deductible donation** online, please visit our website:

<http://lawg.org/cubafund2012>

Or send your check, made out to:
**Latin America Working Group
Education Fund (LAWGEF)**
with "Cuba Fund Campaign" written in the memo line, to:

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Founded in 1983, The Latin America Working Group Education Fund leads one of the nation's longest-standing coalitions dedicated to foreign policy. LAWGEF works with over 60 major religious, humanitarian, grassroots and policy organizations to directly influence decision makers in Washington DC.

Help Support an End to the Travel
Restrictions and U.S. Trade
Embargo on Cuba

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Bring About Positive Change in
U.S.-Cuba Relations



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A Crucial Period in U.S.-Cuba Relations

These are exciting times for those who support bringing U.S.-Cuba relations into the 21st century. Obama Administration policies to relax travel restrictions have opened a floodgate of pent up demand by U.S. citizens for traveling to Cuba.

Flights are leaving from airports all over the United States, and Cuban Americans especially are traveling to their family homeland by the hundreds of thousands. Cuban-American remittances to family members in Cuba have increased



from around \$400 million to an estimated \$2 billion, which in turn help support the creation of private businesses now being allowed by the Cuban government. Equally important is the fact that a majority of Cuban Americans now favor ending the trade embargo and all travel restrictions. For the first time in decades, the political environment in both Washington and Havana is such that a sea-change in U.S.-Cuba relations is not only possible, but inevitable. The Cuba program of the Latin America Working Group Education Fund is poised to take advantage of these exciting developments and to ensure we don't



Photo above by Allison Huff

return to the counter-productive policies of previous years. But we need your support to maintain our Cuba program and build upon our impressive record of achievements.



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The Cuba Program of LAWG/LAWGEF

- ◆ Successfully helped pressure the White House to take executive action to expand travel to Cuba in 2011;
- ◆ Helped win passage of legislation allowing U.S. farmers to sell food and agriculture products to Cuba for cash;
- ◆ Co-sponsored people-to-people trips to Cuba to educate U.S. citizens and build momentum to end the travel ban;
- ◆ Mobilized supporters through social media such as Facebook [30,000+ "likes" on LAWG's "End the Travel Ban on Cuba" page], Change.org [an additional 30,000 new advocates], and Twitter;
- ◆ Compiled and published online resources on "How-to Travel to Cuba" to facilitate U.S. citizen travel to Cuba;
- ◆ Contributed to President's decision to end restrictions on family travel by bringing Cuban-American delegations to Washington, touring photo exhibit and publication;
- ◆ Mounted a campaign in late 2011 to convince the White House to successfully defeat efforts in the U.S. Congress to roll back Cuban-American family travel to the more punitive Bush-era regulations;
- ◆ Strengthened alliances with Cuban-American, cultural, religious, academic, business, and agricultural communities to press for changes in U.S. policy.