



LATIN AMERICA WORKING GROUP



SUPPORT TRAVEL FOR ALL TO CUBA

HELP US WORK TO END THE BAN ON TRAVEL TO CUBA

At the Latin America Working Group, we think that the decades-old policy of isolation and confrontation toward Cuba is an inhumane and counter-productive policy. That's why we've been working for more than the past decade to change it. But we can't do it alone. We rely on hard-working activists to help push Congress and the administration toward a more rational and just policy. And we'd like to invite you to join our efforts.

You and I know, and polls show that a majority of U.S. citizens know, that the ban on "travel for all" to Cuba violates the basic rights of U.S. citizens. And the current policy does not promote engagement or recognize reforms in Cuba that are aimed at helping to ease the Cuban people's economic hardships. In fact, U.S. policy contributes to economic shortages and humanitarian need.

The President took some initial steps in early 2011 to ease travel restrictions, but it isn't enough. Still, only some categories of people are free to travel to Cuba without "permission." We don't support "categories"; we believe that everyone has the fundamental right to travel to Cuba.

We need to bolster efforts to end the travel ban with education and action from the grassroots.

WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND OUR RIGHT TO TRAVEL FREELY!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

(1) Join our e-mail network! LAWG's low-volume "Cuba Policy E-mail Network" gives you timely alerts and updates on legislation, administration initiatives and policy, regulatory trends, and

developments in Cuba, along with suggestions for action—information you need to talk to Congress and the White House about the facts and urge them not to continue to fall prey to pro-embargo old-fashioned thinking. Become a more effective advocate for change!

Join at www.lawg.org/signup. Be sure to pass along this information to friends; every new voice brings us closer to converting citizens' opinions into laws that reflect our values of peace and justice. Let's end this senseless policy together!

(2) “Like” the “End the Travel Ban on Cuba” Facebook page at www.facebook.com/endthetravelban. We post timely and thought-provoking news articles and blogs on topics related to travel to Cuba. Join in the conversation with others who also want to change policy.

(3) Check out our “How to Travel to Cuba” on-line brochure for facts and suggestions about taking advantage of new regulations that allow more people to travel to Cuba, plus lists of upcoming trips, at <http://lawg.org/component/content/article/77/884> . Travel yourself. Encourage others to travel to Cuba. The more people who see that we have nothing to fear from Cuba and that our policy is harmful to the Cuban people, the more pressure we will be able to put on our government to adopt a policy of engagement and neighborliness.

WHO WE ARE

The Latin America Working Group is a coalition of over 60 national religious, human rights, grassroots, foreign policy, research, peace and development organizations dedicated to a more peaceful, just, and humane U.S. policy toward Latin America. The LAWG staff coordinates education and advocacy efforts to shape foreign policy toward Latin America that reflect our shared values of human rights, peace and justice.