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SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNANIMOUS VOTE TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUSPEND ALL CUBA RELATED FEDERAL LICENSES AND GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS PENDING FULL FEDERAL AUDITS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Cuban American experience is central to the history and identity of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, as thousands of students in our community come from families who sought refuge after fleeing persecution and political repression. These families bring firsthand understanding of the consequences of authoritarian governance and the dangers posed by economic networks controlled by dictatorial regimes. Such systems often fail to advance the common good, reinforcing structures that undermine fundamental human rights and basic freedoms.

Over decades, the communist regime has severely devastated the nation's economy, contributing to chronic shortages, limited food supplies, deteriorating infrastructure, suppressed private enterprise, and sustained hardship for the Cuban people. The unanimous vote acknowledges and affirms the County's longstanding commitment to democratic principles, human dignity, and the rule of law.

This agenda item seeks the School Board's endorsement of the Miami-Dade County Commissioners unanimous vote to urge the administration of President Donald J. Trump to suspend all Cuba related federal licenses and general authorizations pending full federal audits. This action from the County Commission reflects our community's lived experience with a communist dictatorship that continues to jail dissidents, deny fundamental freedoms, and restricts the civil liberties of the Cuban population.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the Miami-Dade County Commissioners unanimous vote to urge the administration of President Donald J. Trump to suspend all Cuba related federal licenses and general authorizations pending full federal audits.