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Mr. Miguel Díaz-Canel

President of Cuba

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Dear President Díaz-Canel,

**Pedro Albert Sánchez**

I am writing to express my deep concern for **Pedro Albert Sánchez**, a 68-year-old retired teacher and human rights defender, who is currently imprisoned in Cuba. Pedro has been imprisoned since 22 November 2023, under conditions that have severely worsened his health. He suffers from cancer and has been denied adequate healthcare and nutrition.

Following his peaceful participation in the 11 July 2021 demonstrations, Pedro Albert was wrongfully convicted of "contempt" and "public disorder" charges that stemmed solely from his exercise of the rights to freedom of expression and of peaceful assembly, as a result of his participation in peaceful protests and his vocal criticism of the Cuban government. The charges against him were politically motivated and designed to silence his activism. Amnesty International has recognized him as a prisoner of conscience.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Pedro Albert and to urgently provide him with adequate healthcare.

Sincerely,

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