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The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

I am writing to express my grave concern over reports that an American citizen was arrested in Cuba on December 4 as he was departing the country and has since been held without charge in a high security prison.

After briefings my office received today from the Department of State, I am particularly concerned that the Cuban authorities continue to deny the U.S. Interest Section in Havana consular access to this individual. It is an outrage that the Cuban regime has refused cooperation in this consular matter and that the U.S. citizen remains detained against his will.

Given the gravity of the situation, I urge you to use all available means to secure this citizen's release and safe return to the United States. I appreciate your attention to this troubling matter and would appreciate any updates you can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson" with a stylized flourish at the end.