

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 29, 2010

Mr. Isaac Fulwood, Jr., Chairman  
United States Parole Commission  
5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 420  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Re: Oscar López Rivera, 87651-024  
FCI Terre Haute

Dear Chairman Fulwood:

As Members of Congress who represent Puerto Rico or Puerto Ricans residing in the United States, we write to respectfully urge the Parole Commission to grant parole to Oscar López-Rivera, resulting in his immediate release from prison. While the four of us do not necessarily agree on the issue of the relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico, we do strongly agree that this 67-year-old decorated Vietnam veteran, who has served nearly 30 years in prison, should be allowed to return home to his family and his community.

There are many reasons why we believe it would be proper for this Commission to grant parole to Mr. López-Rivera. First, in 1999, President Clinton offered to commute the sentences of Mr. López-Rivera and his co-defendants, having determined that these sentences were disproportionately lengthy. Although Mr. López-Rivera elected not to accept the President's offer, had he chosen to do so, he would have been released in September 2009. President Clinton's offer to Mr. López-Rivera was conditional; it required him to serve an additional 10 years in prison with exemplary conduct. Mr. López-Rivera has now fulfilled the terms of that offer.

Second, President Clinton released 12 of Mr. López-Rivera's co-defendants in 1999. In 2009 and 2010, this Commission released two other Puerto Ricans incarcerated for similar charges, after they served 30 years in prison. The release of all of these prisoners, including Mr. López-Rivera, has been supported in Puerto Rico on humanitarian and other grounds. Notably, of all the Puerto Ricans convicted for politically-motivated activities in the early 1980s, Mr. López-Rivera is the only one who remains in prison.

Finally, we are convinced that the decision to grant Mr. López-Rivera parole would not pose any risk to society. All of Mr. López-Rivera's contemporaries who were released by the President and the Parole Commission have fully reintegrated into society, becoming productive, law-abiding citizens. In light of the good conduct of those

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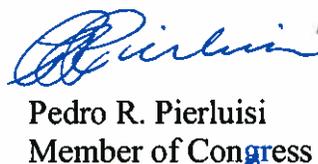
prisoners released in 1999, this Commission ordered the early termination of their supervision in 2005. With the strong support of his family and his community, Mr. López-Rivera will be well-positioned to make a similarly successful transition from prison to free society.

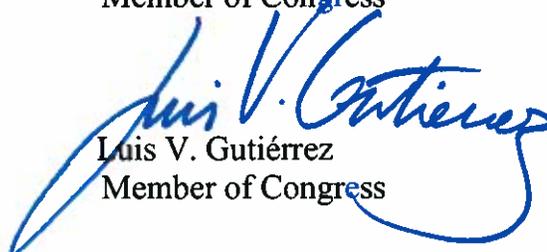
For these reasons, we strongly urge the Commission to grant Mr. López Rivera parole resulting in his immediate release from prison.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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Member of Congress

  
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