

## TEXTPAD for July 8<sup>th</sup> ONE WILPF CALL Zoom

### **“Keeping Biden’s Promise to Normalize Relations With CUBA”**

Sponsored by the Cuban & Bolivarian Alliance Committee of WILPF US

#### ZOOM **AGENDA**

#### WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

**Featured Presentation – CUBA COMMITTEE presents,**  
(including guest speaker, Q&A)  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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**SOAPBOX**

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#### **Featured Segment:**

### **“Keeping Biden’s Promise to Normalize Relations With CUBA”**

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#### **Guest Speaker:**

**Elena Freyre, Cuban-American based in Miami FL**

***President of the Foundation For Normalization of US/Cuba Relations***

#### **Petitions**

[https://www.codepink.org/endtheblockade?recruiter\\_id=902631&fbclid=IwAR31\\_4hAZK78I8RbnigwLiBCZpnWq0RIq6hqYt9OPW4JEzkhzmyRe24Z048](https://www.codepink.org/endtheblockade?recruiter_id=902631&fbclid=IwAR31_4hAZK78I8RbnigwLiBCZpnWq0RIq6hqYt9OPW4JEzkhzmyRe24Z048)

<https://puentesdeamor.com/en/?fbclid=IwAR1N9Wf0x2KwwBsEvrsZXefzzPoQVi19bgxZzEPxCrq81WJctivgurExTuA>

#### **First goal:**

**End the US blockade of Cuba.**

**Meanwhile: donate to the Syringe Campaign.**

**Donations to the appeal can be made at:** <https://ghpartners.org/syringes4cuba/>

Or mail a checks payable to **Global Health Partners** (with “Syringe Campaign” in the memo) to:  
Global Health Partners, 39 Broadway, Suite 1540, New York, NY 10006

**July 25: Voices across the U.S. will demand  
END the U.S. Blockade of CUBA  
with Solidarity caravans**

Seattle, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Dallas and Washington, DC  
and other cities will hold caravans.

**Check for a caravan in your city by contacting National Network on Cuba**

<http://nnoc.info/contact-us/>

**July 25 - Cuban American 'Miami to DC' Walkers  
Calling for an End to the U.S. Blockade of Cuba!**

**Carlos Lazo, a Cuban-American school teacher, has been on a 1,300 mile pilgrimage -- with six other Cuban Americans—all the way from Miami!**

They will arrive in Washington, DC to present the Biden Administration with a petition signed by over 25,000 calling for an end to the U.S. blockade and demanding:

- *the end of all sanctions*
- *the restoration of remittances*
- *the resumption of flights from the U.S., to Havana and to all the regional centers of Cuba*
- *the reopening of the U.S. Embassy in Havana*
- *a restart to the program of family reunification*

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**Latin American School of Medicine information**

Do you know a young person who wants to become a doctor in order to serve the community, but does not have the money for a US medical education?

It is possible to go on full scholarship to ELAM if you meet the requirements. Information:

<https://ifconews.org/medical-school/>

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**information on Henry Reeve Brigade and other Cuban Medical International efforts**

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/cuba-doctors-covid-19/>

<https://time.com/3556670/ebola-cuba/>

<https://www.cubastandard.com/ga-cubas-unique-model-of-medical-internationalism/>

Join the call - write to Biden. See the sample letter

**Write your senators. Ask them to support The U.S. - Cuba Trade Act of 2021.**

((S.249: Wyden, Leahy, Durbin) See the sample letter.

(Addresses supplied for California, but, hey, you know how to write your senator.)

**Want more information about Cuba?**

**Recently published:**

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/cuba-coronavirus-embargo/>

[https://www.resumen-english.org/2021/06/alicia-jrapko-solidarity-with-cuba-cant-be-blocked/?fbclid=IwAR2uO5iDViT8fa61UX89HJn2DAemxQU4xv\\_3Oyz91pUf2I-6eNKQ-D\\_yIHl](https://www.resumen-english.org/2021/06/alicia-jrapko-solidarity-with-cuba-cant-be-blocked/?fbclid=IwAR2uO5iDViT8fa61UX89HJn2DAemxQU4xv_3Oyz91pUf2I-6eNKQ-D_yIHl)

**Contact:**

<https://wilpfus.org/our-work/cuba-and-bolivarian-alliance>

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**SAMPLE LETTER TO SENATORS** (Also, one can email via each senator's website.)

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

We urge you to co-sponsor and support The U.S. - Cuba Trade Act of 2021. ((S.249: Wyden, Leahy, Durbin)

This bill would repeal the major statutes that exist in law to impose sanctions on Cuba. These include the Helms-Burton Act and the Cuban Democracy Act, as well as other provisions that affect trade, travel, and investment with Cuba.

For sixty years, U.S. policy toward Cuba of diplomatic isolation and economic sanctions has hurt the people of Cuba while also harming the U.S. national interest. A growing majority of people living in the United States, including a majority of Cuban-Americans, want all U.S. citizens to have the right to travel to Cuba, and freedom to trade with Cuba as part of a new policy based on engaging with the Cuban people freely and respecting their right to self-determination.

Ending the blockade would be good for the U.S. economy; it would expand demand for U.S. products, help the tourist travel and airline industries, and create jobs for people living in the United States. Experts estimate that the blockade costs the U.S. economy over \$1 billion annually and that ending the restrictions could create thousands of jobs for people living in the United States.

In addition to Cuban medical expertise, medicines and vaccines for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, the blockade has deprived U.S. citizens of Cuba's other medical breakthroughs. Cuba has developed the first meningitis B vaccine. Most recently Cuba released CimaVax EGF, a vaccine that allows some lung cancers to be survivable chronic disease. And Heberprot-P, developed in Cuba to utilize recombinant growth factor for the treatment of ischemic diabetic foot ulcers, vastly reduces the need for amputation. This is an enormous problem in the U.S.

The policy of isolation of Cuba is misguided, ineffective, and immoral. It has no international support, as demonstrated by an annual UN General Assembly vote in which only the U.S. and Israel consistently vote in favor of the blockade/embargo, while for 29 consecutive years over 185 countries vote for a resolution calling for an end to the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the United States against Cuba.

The U.S. blockade of Cuba is a policy that has harmed the people of Cuba. There is not one single Cuban family that has not suffered the consequences of this. The travel ban is an infringement on the rights of U.S. citizens.

We have a moral and economic obligation to end this failed policy.

Please co-sponsor and support S249, the U.S. - Cuba Trade Act of 2021.

CA SENATE Contact info:

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Washington, DC 20510

Senator Alex Padilla  
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## **SAMPLE LETTER to PRESIDENT BIDEN**

The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

(If you would rather do this by email go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/> )

Dear President Biden,

I am writing to express the hope that your administration will take steps towards normalizing relations with Cuba. Although only Congress can end the blockade, many of the previous administration's policy changes can be reversed by executive order. For reasons of morality and humanity, in order to show a decent respect for international opinion - reflected in a recent UN vote in which no country except Israel voted with the US to maintain the blockade - and in order to keep your campaign promise to reject Trump's Cuba policies, it is time to do everything possible to create a new Cuba policy based on mutual respect.

As you are aware, during President Trump's time in office, he reversed the gains made by the Obama-Biden administration in normalizing relations with Cuba, adding over 200 restrictive measures. Rather than suspending any of these cruel restrictions on a humanitarian basis due to the pandemic, Trump imposed dozens of additional restrictions or tightened existing ones, severely affecting the wellbeing of the Cuban people and the ability of their loved ones to help them.

It is unimaginable that you would wish your administration and your party to be associated with maintaining these stupid, cruel policies and practices.

So far, your administration taken no steps to reverse these harmful Trump policies, which continue to harm millions of Cubans. Now is the time.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## WOMEN, MONEY & DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE

Marybeth Gardam, Iowa City IA [mbgardam@gmail.com](mailto:mbgardam@gmail.com)

### 2 CONNECTED EVENTS

#### FILM PREVIEW SHOWING and PANEL DISCUSSION

Both of these events will be available with the same Zoom link, but you must register [here](#) to get the link.

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 8pm eastern/5 pm pacific**

### PANEL DISCUSSION

The Authors of WILPF's Groundbreaking Pro-Democracy Work, Confronting Corporate Power discuss the film THE NEW CORPORATION, and the tools they created which are still available and relevant.

Featuring Emeritus WSD (CvD Committee) Members:

**Virginia Rasmussen, Molly Morgan, Jan Edwards, Jim and Tomi Allison and Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap of our ally, Move To Amend.**

And the **FILM PREMIERE SHOWING OF "The New Corporation"**

### *Viewing WINDOW Starts*

**at 7pm eastern/4pm pacific on Sun., July 18<sup>th</sup>,**

**and continuing for 72 hours through 7pm eastern/4pm pacific on Wed., July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Registration link for free viewing of the film will not be available till shortly before July 18<sup>th</sup>. So watch for eAlert with this link.

**View the film before the program on Wed. July 21.**

Invite friends and allies for watch parties. Gather to take advantage of the free showing.

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## CONGRESS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Congress Coordinator **Mary Hanson Harrison** [harrison0607@msn.com](mailto:harrison0607@msn.com)

**REGISTER NOW** for Virtual Congress.

2 weeks of webinars, keynotes, plenaries and workshops kicking off August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehtrzm2cc92cd635&oseq=&c=&ch=>

**Consider adding a donation** when you register, to help defray technical costs for this all virtual event, and to help with scholarships for those who can't afford the registration fees.

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# DISARM COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-Chair Cherrill Spencer, Palo Alto CA [cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com](mailto:cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com)

**HERE IS A LIST OF EVENTS** for the commemoration of the 76th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Includes 2 links to calendars where more events being added every day

**LIST OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' 2021 EVENTS** commemorating: HIROSHIMA& NAGASAKI BOMBINGS and Trinity Test and Church Rock Uranium Spill

List assembled 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, more events will be announced on the PSR and OREPA websites

**Fresno, CA. WILPF Fresno** : 8am 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Peace Garden, CA State University Fresno with speakers & 11am 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Shinzen Friendship Garden, Woodward Park, Fresno, with speakers

### **An action all WILPFers can do :**

We are encouraging organizations, high-profile individuals, and families around the world to honor victims and demonstrate support for a world without nuclear weapons: **Fold a paper crane and share a photo of it on your social media August 6-9 with the hashtag #CranesForOurFuture.**

The Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture and President of HOPE Hidehiko Yuzaki has tentative plans to announce the campaign to Japanese media in mid-July before the opening of the Tokyo Olympics. We're hoping to include a diverse set of institutions and individuals for that initial announcement. If you're interested in joining the effort, [please fill out this form](#).

### **6 August BOSTON AREA**

Greater Boston PSR is co-sponsoring this event. Please spread the word to anyone you know in the Boston area.

<http://masspeaceaction.org/event/hiroshima-day-screening-the-war-game-by-peter-watkins-arlington-regent-theater/>

### **03 August 2021 Washington DC**

**Toward a Nuclear Weapons-Free World: Ethics,  
Social Justice, and Civil Society Activism**

In Partnership with All Souls Church, Unitarian of Washington, DC.

**The Arms Control Association estimates that 13,500 nuclear weapons are still stockpiled in military arsenals, enough to destroy the world several times over. Can the world be free of nuclear weapons?**

Join speakers from the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs, UNA-NCA, All Souls Church Unitarian of Washington, DC, the Unitarian Universalists. Register Here:

<http://www.unanca.org/news-events/upcoming>

Massachusetts Peace Action's Hiroshima/Nagasaki Call for Events:

<http://masspeaceaction.org/76-years-after-hiroshima-and-nagasaki-a-call-in-memory-and-hope/>

The current plan for Los Alamos, NM is to convene at the Ashely Pond shelter to vigil from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday, August 7th. in Taos, NM on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> will be Taos Env'l Film Festival event & Taos August Peace Pilgrimage at the Taos Community Auditorium <http://www.taoseff.org>

17th Annual Hiroshima-Nagasaki Remembrance and Peace Lantern Ceremony Sat, Aug 7, 2021, 7pm-9pm Pacific Time Lovers Point Beach Cove, Pacific Grove, CA, Keynote speaker, Joe Aki Ouye, artist, hibakusha. WILPF Monterey County.

PDF flyer: <https://peacecentral.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/2021-peace-lantern-event-flyer.pdf>

**The national Physicians for Social Responsibility website is hosting a calendar of events all over the USA, go here [psr.org/HiroshimaNagasakiEvents](http://psr.org/HiroshimaNagasakiEvents) to see the latest list, and to post your event.**

**The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA) is hosting a site for resources:** <https://orepa.org/resources-for-actions-in-the-age-of-the-ban-treaty/> Resources being added daily.

Start a Reaction is a project of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's (SAIC) Institute for Curatorial Research and Practice. Designed and implemented by a group of SAIC graduate research fellows, our mission is to build a coalition in support of nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament through the use of art and technology. Our two-pronged approach consists of an in-person event at the site of Chicago Pile-1 on August 7th (between the Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversaries) and a website, [startareaction.org](http://startareaction.org). Our event will feature a performance by world-renowned artist, Eiko Otake, responding to the site of humankind's first sustained nuclear reaction and the long and fraught history of atomic weapons.

Washington State, From Hiroshima to Hope in Seattle WA state, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August- <https://fromhiroshimatohope.org/event-2/>

Anti-imperialist art exhibit that reflects on the atomic bombings through artifacts from the Wilmington College Peace Resource Center's Hiroshima and Nagasaki collection, now at Urban Arts Space <https://uas.osu.edu/events/structure-wounds-everybody-must-be-destroyed> There will be an online viewing of the exhibit on July 22, 2021.

Nukewatch : For Hiroshima Nagasaki Remembrances in the Age of the TPNW, post here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336042507972854/?ref=share>

In Georgia, Nuclear Watch South is coordinating the 26th annual "Seeds of Peace" Nagasaki Day Observance at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta with many co-sponsoring peace groups. We will be on the Georgia Coast for Hiroshima Day for 32nd annual "Lest We Forget" vigil at Kings Bay Trident nuclear submarine base.

## **SECTION PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Darien De Lu, Sacramento CA [President@wilpfus.org](mailto:President@wilpfus.org)

**“I have to scare you a little bit, because the comfort you live in is too scary for me!” Martin Prechtel**

**#1 -- WILPF US CONFRONTING RACISM** - WILPF is developing multiple ways to confront racism and the inequities of White Supremacy. For those in branches – or at-large WILPF members involved with other kinds of local groups –

I (WILPF US President, Darien De Lu) am encouraging folks to proceed with self-education by taking time – at least 15-20 min. – at *every meeting* to discuss relevant informational videos, articles, and books. *Coming soon* – the first edition of WILPF US’s Resource List for Dismantling Racism, to provide you with more suggestions. ...

**#2 – LEARN ZOOM better... Get techy!**

- Prepare yourself for Congress with “Making Zoom Work for YOU!”

That’s a short (one hour) and easy training:

**Thursday, July 15, 5:15 PDT / 8:15 EDT.**

Please preregister: <https://wilpfus.org/news/updates/making-zoom-work-you>

**- Speaking of Tech Help – Wanted: Congress Tech. Help volunteers.**

We’ve got only about ½ doz. so far. Are you a *little* techy? Even *if not*, you’re welcome to contact me to get the link to check out one or more of the trainings:

Tues., 7/20 – 10 am / 1 pm                      noon / 3 pm                      6 pm / 9 pm

Thurs., 7/22 – 10 am / 1 pm                      noon / 3 pm                      6 pm / 9 pm

And, yes, I really would like volunteers for one-hour shifts during our Congress!

Darien, [president@wilpfus.org](mailto:president@wilpfus.org)

**#3 - Read the eNews –**

WILPF Congress! Cuba and Yemen news! The *Golden Rule* anti-nuclear sailboat! The Poor People’s Campaign and Disarm both working to *demand that Biden have a backbone* – to support racial justice, to oppose nuclear arms spending.

***If you’re not reading the eNews, you’re missing out!*** Check out *all* the articles – not just the one you already knew about! Get the inside story, be *inspired*, find ways to be involved!

See this month’s eNews: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/July-eNews---Courage--sacrifice--and-sustained-effort--to-build-peace.html?soid=1121720227619&aid=RrJIR9UBSws>

**#4 -- Step up to leadership in WILPF!**

***What do YOU want to see WILPF US accomplish?***

***You can help make it happen!***

**You** can sharpen your skills in leadership *and* help shape the WILPF action! Enjoy being part of a national committee -- an issue committee, an administrative action committee (the board standing committees), and many different ad hoc committees. *For example*, we have a national Social Media Ctte.: Learn how, when and why!

Also, **have you considered running for a national WILPF Board position?** Several positions will be open in the Fall elections. Applications to run are due in October. *Now* is the time to find out more.

Contact me, Darien De Lu, for further information: [President@WILPFUS.org](mailto:President@WILPFUS.org)

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# ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE UPDATES

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**The issues being tackled by AHR subcommittees:**

- 1-United Nations efforts specifically regarding/involving women**
- 2-Immigration and border militarization**
- 3-Anti-racism work in and by WILPF US,  
including book groups and resources list**
- 4-Mass incarceration; police militarization**

The plan as of now is that interested members will organize themselves into those subcommittees (and possibly others as yet unidentified), communicate between full AHR meetings, share updates at the monthly meetings, and probably participate in breakout rooms during the monthly full-committee meetings.

**ADD YOUR OWN COMMENTS,  
LINKS, RESOURCES BELOW THIS RED LINE.**

***Be sure to note your name and email so folks can followup with you if they have questions.***

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