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Dear friend:

I am writing to ask you to support the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy at this important – and potentially decisive – moment for the Cuban people. We would be honored to have you renew your membership and contribute to our vital work.

As you know, the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy is nearly twenty years old. Since its first year, 1991, we have been collecting an impressive number of achievements, among them the ample recognition that ASCE is one of the most prestigious entities founded by members of the Cuban exile community. It has attracted the wider participation of scholars and other professionals interested in Cuban affairs, and has become an indispensable source of knowledge about its economy and other aspects of the country relevant to public policy issues.

ASCE has also been able to disseminate its research to a wider audience, including individuals in Cuba, systematically publishing a weekly news service (ASCE's Clippings) that all members receive. It stimulates the interest of young scholars on Cuban affairs through its student prize programs, and serves as a forum for top economists and social scientists to present their research on Cuba relevant to a future transition of the country to a freer society and a prosperous economy. ASCE has served as an example of academic integrity and consistent performance ever since its foundation. Members of ASCE can feel very proud of helping to realize these achievements that will contribute to Cuba's future.

In order to sustain our operations and maintain our independence, ASCE has only depended on its members' contributions over the years, including the regular membership dues, plus generous donations from private members for general or specific purposes. We need your support to continue organizing the annual meeting in Miami, the production of the annual proceedings and ASCE Clippings and their distribution to the members, the maintenance of the website, and the organization of other events where ASCE members can participate in

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various capacities. Your annual contribution as a regular member is the most important source of funds of the association and gives you the satisfaction that you are helping a worthy effort on behalf of a better Cuba.

We have scheduled our next annual meeting in Miami on July 30-August 1st. Its theme will be “Cuba in an Uncertain World” and we would like to encourage you to renew your membership and participate in that meeting. The members of ASCE’s Board of Directors thank you for all you have done on behalf of ASCE and hope we can count on your continuing support.

Best Regards,

Jorge A. Sanguinety
President