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The Honorable Adam J. Szubin  
Director  
Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Director Szubin:

I am writing to express my concern regarding efforts by certain travel agencies to circumvent U.S. law by promoting tourist travel to Cuba.

A recent piece in the Monroe News Star entices readers to travel on a seven night pre-packaged tour to Cuba by Monroe Travel Service, stating that the "first wave of pure tourists from America will hit the friendly skies Aug. 11." The article offers an egregious misrepresentation of the current guidelines regulating travel to Cuba and is indicative of potential schemes by other travel agencies to encourage the participation of U.S. citizens in illegal tourist tours of Cuba.

With this in mind, I would like to request, within all applicable rules and guidelines, information regarding what measures OFAC may be taking to prevent or correct for this type of activity by travel agencies.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN  
Chairman