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Hello, WSJ Editor: as a Cuban exile myself, I enjoyed reading Dr. Biscet's article "Cubans want freedom, not exile", (Sept. 20). I came to the US as Cuban expatriate during the Mariel Boatlift of 1980, because I too had a political dossier in Cuba.

The article headline is very appropriate. In the US, I was offered the opportunities (pursuing academic work up to PhD, working as a faculty and researcher at American Universities) that I was denied, for political reasons, in my own homeland. I paid a high price, though: parting with my family, friends, and background. In the close-knit Cuban society, this is a very important life component.

If not for Castro's regime, the contributions of the hundreds of thousands of Cubans abroad, large or small, could have been given to our country of birth, enriching it. Instead, they have been given to the generous countries that received us (such as the US, Spain, and several Latin American ones).

The Cuban government's desire to control its citizens down to the minimal details, which can be synthesized as "lack of basic freedoms", is at the root of the sad state of the Cuban economy - not the American Embargo, which is the best excuse ever provided to the Cuban government.

Thank-you for publishing Dr. Biscet's excellent essay.

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