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To Gail Walker and the all the staff of IFCO Pastors for Peace:

The Board members of the Task Force wish to express our solidarity and support for you in your previous struggles with OFAC regarding your Cuba work and now the IRS! We view this as harassment for the good work that you have done for many years to help the poor and oppressed of Latin America and the Caribbean. It seems that now that the US may soon normalize relations with Cuba, this current threat can only be viewed as mean spirited and vindictive.

The Task Force on the Americas has staunchly supported Pastors for Peace caravans since the late 1980s. Many of our members have traveled with you to Central America, Chiapas, Mexico and Cuba. We have helped you collect material aid, like school supplies and medical supplies, that were sorely needed by the poor in these places who do not have access to those gifts on a routine basis. Most of the people that you reached had only the barest of necessities, so what they received from you made their lives a little better. Your actions were truly acts of love and solidarity for the marginalized people of our hemisphere.

We have always supported your ongoing challenge to the immoral and unjust blockade of Cuba by the United States government.

My understanding is that you have kept good books and ledgers on all of your fiscally sponsored projects; and, therefore, threatening the loss of your 501c3 is punitive and simply ridiculous!

We at the Task Force hope that justice will prevail as we stand in solidarity with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dale Sorensen