

The Florida House of Representatives

Representative Robin Bartleman District 103

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a State Representative of Florida, representing House District 103—which is home to a large Venezuelan community—I am writing in strong support of H.R. 4048, the "Venezuelan Adjustment Act." This bill offers permanent residency to Venezuelans living in the United States, who legally entered the country, before December 31, 2021.

This vital piece of legislation provides a much-needed pathway to lawful permanent residence for Venezuelan nationals currently residing in the United States. In response to the urgent crisis in Venezuela, H.R. 4048 stands as a powerful testament to our nation's commitment to compassion and justice, demonstrating our support for the Venezuelan people. It offers critical relief to those who have fled persecution, seeking safety and a better life within our borders. Passing this bill would strengthen our economy and enrich our culture by allowing the full integration of Venezuelans into American society.

The Venezuelan American community has played a crucial role in enhancing the cultural, economic, and social landscape of Florida. I am proud to stand with this community in supporting the Venezuelan Adjustment Act, as it would benefit many Venezuelans who have lived and worked in the United States for years. This legislation provides them with the stability and security they need to thrive, free from the fear of deportation, while enabling them to continue making meaningful contributions to our country.

As a representative of all the Venezuelan people in my community, I emphasize the urgent need to pass the Venezuelan Adjustment Act to offer hope to the Venezuelan community. Thank you for your consideration.

If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>robin.bartleman@myfloridahouse.gov</u> or (954) 668- 3662.

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