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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

S.J. Res. 124 – Directing the Removal of United States Armed Forces from Hostilities Within or Against the Republic of Cuba that Have Not Been Authorized by Congress

(Sen. Kaine, D-VA, and 12 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes passage of S.J. Res. 124, a joint resolution that purports to direct the removal of U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Republic of Cuba that have not been authorized by Congress. The War Powers Resolution (WPR) provides for expedited consideration of a joint resolution requiring removal of U.S. Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities, not to resolve hypotheticals. U.S. Armed Forces are not engaged in hostilities against Cuba—authorized or otherwise. As a result, there are no hostilities from which to remove such forces.

The President has the Constitutional authority and responsibility as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive to defend the United States and our citizens from threats to our security; to take care that the laws are faithfully executed; and to conduct the foreign relations of the United States. The joint resolution attempts to preemptively and unconstitutionally constrain the President’s core Article II authority and would embolden not only the Cuban regime, but also other adversaries around the world. In addition, the broad scope of the resolution risks creating uncertainty and operational paralysis in a crisis.

Nevertheless, it should be noted that the Government of Cuba aligns itself with — and provides support for — numerous hostile countries, transnational terrorist groups, and malign actors adverse to the United States, including the Government of the Russian Federation, the People’s Republic of China, the Government of Iran, Hamas, and Hezbollah. Cuba openly hosts dangerous adversaries of the United States as a platform for military and intelligence capabilities just 90 miles from our homeland.

If S.J. Res. 124 were to be presented to the President, his advisors would recommend that he veto the joint resolution.
