

On July 31, Cuban Americans and anti-blockade supporters came out on the streets of Miami, nationally and internationally to oppose the over 60-year United States blockade against Cuba. Soon after, Florida Senator Marco Rubio launched a McCarthyist smear campaign against U.S. citizens and asked the FBI to investigate the organization Puentes de Amor (Bridges of Love) for supposedly acting as an unauthorized agent of the Cuban government and trying to interfere in U.S. political processes.

Based on Rubio's definition, any citizen or entity that disagrees with U.S. foreign policy and organizes against it is considered a threat to the nation. The fact that a U.S. Senator would engage in such shameful, baseless and immoral tactics to target and silence U.S. citizens should be of concern to us all and should be viewed as a direct threat to our civil liberties.

As the president of the Amazon Labor Union,
I call on elected officials and labor leaders across the country, and those who find Senator Rubio's abuse of power condemnable to demand that he immediately cease his smear campaign and intimidation of Puentes de Amor.
End the US blockade of Cuba!

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