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### **Congressman Flake Calls Reelection of Cuba to U.N. Human Rights Commission “Bad Joke”**

*Fidel Castro is One of the World’s Worst  
Offenders of Human Rights*

**Washington, D.C.** - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, a member of the House International Relations Committee and a member of the House Cuba Working Group, today chastised the United Nations for its reelection of Cuba to serve on its Human Rights Commission.

**“Cuba has one of the worst human rights records in the world,”** said Flake. **“It truly baffles me why they would be chosen to serve on a commission that supposedly promotes and protects human rights around the world.”**

**“While the U.N. is busy making itself irrelevant, the U.S. needs to get busy making Castro irrelevant by allowing the Cuban people to hear voices other than his. We can achieve this by easing trade and travel restrictions and seriously reforming Radio and TV Marti.”**

Congressman Flake believes that the most effective way to hasten democratic reform in Cuba is to weaken Castro’s stranglehold over the country by easing trade and travel restrictions currently imposed by the U.S.

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