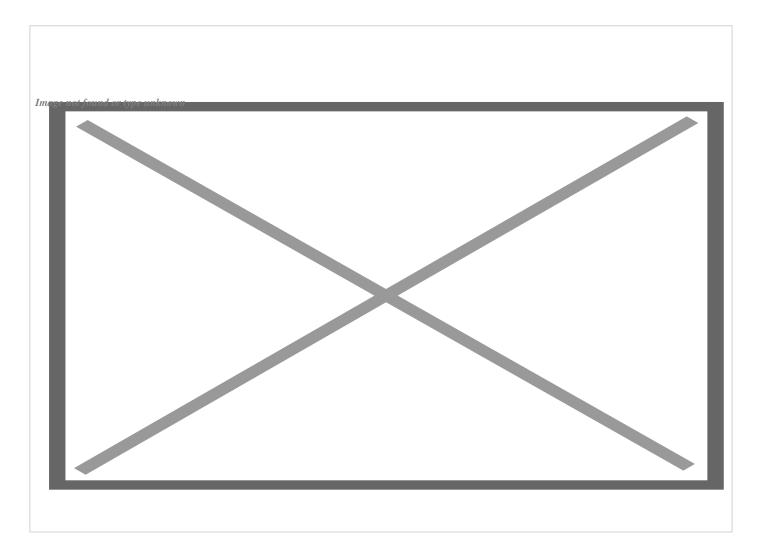
Miami mobilization demands lifting of blockade against Cuba



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To protest against new measures by President Donald Trump, a group of supporters of Cuba and other social justice causes gathered in front of the office of Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar in Miami, Florida.

Right at the intersection of 57th Avenue and 8th Street, several activists demanded an end to the social security cuts that the White House president wants to impose to benefit his country's business oligarchy.

Activist Jesús Pérez Rodríguez told Radio Havana Cuba that the protesters demanded an end to the deportations of undocumented migrants and the continuation of health insurance programs such as Medicare and Obamacare, which benefit the elderly and vulnerable.

The banners held and slogans chanted demanded the lifting of the genocidal economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the United States on Cuba more than 60 years ago, which was intensified by the Caribbean island's inclusion on the spurious list of state sponsors of terrorism.

The demonstration took place at noon this Thursday and was organized by several organizations, including the Alianza Martiana, the José Martí Cultural Association, Paz y Amor, and Miami Today radio.

Similarly, Spanish-born solidarity activist Arianna accused María Elvira Salazar of not wanting to meet with her constituents and of having to explain how the county budget is being executed. "We don't know what programs they're going to cut, but we do know that many are going to disappear," activist Jesús Pérez Rodriguez told the activist in a video posted on social media.

She called on the Cuban community living in the United States to join the demonstrations so that the struggle will serve to prevent the loss of more social programs that could widen the gap between a minority of the wealthy and the majority of the poor.

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