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SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

TAKING ACTION TO FIGHT FOR FLORIDA'S VENEZUELAN COMMUNITY

<u>Sen. Rick Scott Welcomed Venezuela's Rightful President Edmundo González as Guest to President Trump's Inauguration</u>: Senator Scott brought Venezuela's rightful President Edmundo González as his special guest to President Donald Trump's Inauguration.

<u>Sen. Rick Scott Led Meeting with President-Elect Edmundo González on the Fight for Venezuela's Freedom:</u> Senator Scott met with Venezuela's President-elect Edmundo González to discuss the United States' support for the President-Elect ahead of his swearing-in as duly elected leader of Venezuela on January 10th, and the fight to restore democracy in Venezuela and put an end to Nicolás Maduro's illegitimate and brutal regime.

<u>Venezuela Advancing Liberty, Opportunity, and Rights Act (VALOR Act)</u>: Senator Scott and his colleagues introduced a bill to help guide U.S. policy in support of a transition to democratic order in Venezuela.

Securing Timely Opportunities for Payment and Maximizing Awards for Detaining Unlawful Regime Officials (STOP MADURO) Act: Senator Scott led Senators Ted Cruz and Bill Cassidy in reintroducing this bill to increase the maximum reward amount from \$15 million to \$100 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Nicolás Maduro. The reward would be paid out by the federal government using seized assets already being withheld from Maduro, officials of the Maduro regime and their co-conspirators, not taxpayer funds.

<u>Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Reauthorization Act</u>: Senator Scott led his colleagues to introduce this bill, which would ensure U.S. sanctions against Maduro and his criminal regime remain in place to protect the safety of our Hemisphere.

ADVOCATING FOR SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES AFFECTING FLORIDA'S VENEZUELAN COMMUNITY

Senator Scott has fought tirelessly alongside Venezuelan leaders in Florida to help see a free, fair and democratic Venezuela, which is critical to the stability of the entire region. Senator Scott introduced a **resolution**, which recognized María Corina Machado as Venezuela's official Presidential Opposition candidate.

Sen. Rick Scott in Letter: Brazilian President Lula Must Speak Up Against Maduro's Threats to Invade Puerto Rico by Force.

<u>Sen. Rick Scott: As Murderous Maduro Clings to Power, Sec. Blinken Must Protect American</u>
<u>Hostages:</u> Senator Scott reached out to Secretary of State Blinken to make it extremely clear that the United States must protect American lives and stand for freedom and democracy in Venezuela.

<u>Sen. Rick Scott, Marco Rubio & Colleagues to Biden: Designate Tren de Aragua as a Transnational Criminal Organization</u>: Senator Scott joined Senator Marco Rubio, Representative María Elvira Salazar and their colleagues in sending a letter to President Joe Biden demanding he formally designate the vicious Tren de Aragua as a Transnational Criminal Organization.

<u>Senator Rick Scott led a press conference with representatives and Hispanic community leaders</u> <u>from Florida, to make a major announcement about U.S. policy toward Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Colombia.</u>



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