

# Open Letter – Gratitude for Your Fight for Venezuelan Freedom and Request for an Urgent Hearing

*By Leroy Garrett.*

Dear Senator Rick Scott:

I am writing this public letter to express my deep gratitude for your tireless support for freedom in Venezuela. Your leadership in the Senate, such as the resolution honoring the “New Day of Freedom” following Maduro's capture in January 2026, your rallies with Venezuelan leaders in Florida, and bills such as the No Relief for Allies of Dictators Act, demonstrate your commitment to democracy and against socialism that has destroyed lives. Thanks to allies like you, under President Trump's leadership, Venezuela sees hope after years of oppression.

Allow me to introduce you to the “Oil Holocaust”: We are approximately 23,000 survivors of the mass purge at PDVSA during 2002-2003 under Chávez. We were unfairly dismissed, included on the Tascón List to blacklist us, and deprived of salaries, pensions, and rights. As a pro se representative, I lead the fight for justice through litigation in US courts (such as the Delaware case 1:17-mc-00151), petitions to OFAC, and registration with the IACHR. We seek humanitarian reparations from frozen Venezuelan assets, official recognition of these violations, and a fund for victims, prioritizing human welfare over corporate interests.

On behalf of our community, I apologize for the offense caused by certain figures in the Venezuelan opposition who did not accept your invitation to the State of the Union address. It was an unforgivable act of recklessness and ingratitude toward an ally like you, who has defended our freedom with concrete actions. This act reflects a disconnect that does not represent the true victims.

The Oil Holocaust, like large sectors of Venezuelan society that are victims of transgressions, has been ignored by factions of the opposition. This reflects collaboration with the regime, electoral patronage, and evasion of real solutions to Venezuela's major problems, such as corruption and the restoration of human rights. Instead of joining forces for justice, political agendas that perpetuate suffering are prioritized.

Add to this the paradox of PDVSA Ad Hoc: Led by figures such as Horacio Medina, a union leader linked to the 2002-2003 massacre, it ignores the humanitarian scope of OFAC

General License 7C, which should safeguard assets for the Venezuelan people, not just for commercial loans. Its lawyers at PDVH have brutally opposed in court (such as the motion for reconsideration in D.I. 68, March 4, 2026) any recognition of alter ego for reparations, contradicting the spirit of Executive Decree 14373, which protects oil revenues for the good of the people. This labels our evidence as “meritless” while ignoring violations of the IACHR and ILO, prioritizing corporate impunity over human welfare—a contradiction that urgently needs to be corrected to align with U.S. accountability policy.

Senator Scott, your sensitivity to freedom and justice inspires us. I request a hearing as soon as possible to discuss how to integrate reparations for these victims into the Venezuelan transition, using assets under U.S. control. Your guidance could be transformative.

I appreciate your attention and leadership. I am available for dialogue.

Sincerely,

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