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Dear Mr President,

**Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara**

I write to you to condemn the detention of Cuban artist, **Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara**, a key leader of the **San Isidro Movement**. Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara has been held seemingly under state custody in a hospital in Havana since 2 May, with little contact with the outside world and reportedly highly restricted visits, solely for peacefully exercising his freedom of expression.

Prior to this, Luis Manuel Otero has faced harassment and intimation from state security officials due to his work as a human rights defender. In December 2020, he was submitted to frightening levels of surveillance and, following another hunger strike, was ultimately detained under similar circumstances.

**Luis Manuel Otero is detained solely for peacefully expressing his ideas. I therefore urge you to secure his immediate and unconditional release.**

Yours sincerely,