

April 28, 2006

Ms. Elsa Morejon Hernandez
Activist for Human Rights

My Dear Friend:

Among the numerous satisfactions that I have had during my life as an educator, one of the ones that has honored me the most, is that of having publicly recognized exemplary compatriots such as your husband, Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, who are in fact contributing towards educating the Cuban people on the complexities of a future democratic society. Dr. Biscet's gratitude to Miami Dade College from that place of horror where he is unjustly imprisoned writes an indelible page in the annals of the institution and leaves a lasting impression on my heart. Please let him know how his words honor us.

Tomorrow, your son, Yan Valdes Morejon, will graduate which is cause for great celebration on your part as well as ours. Over seven thousand students along with him will go up on the stage to receive their diplomas. Hundreds of them are originally from Cuba where their dreams were stifled as in Yan's case. Now the gates of the future open up to them.

I congratulate you on having instilled in him faith in freedom and for having sacrificed and separated from him in hope that he would become an honorable young man with all of life's possibilities in his favor.

You and Dr. Biscet are part of the great family of Miami Dade College and, in a not too distant future, we will all join forces so that a graduation such as the one that will take place tomorrow can take place in a free Cuba that belongs to all of us, as it should be.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude and I pray, every day, that Dr. Biscet be set free and that he may live and thoroughly enjoy the successes of his family which will be many, along with the establishment of a fair government in our beloved Cuba.

Please receive my regards and sincere solidarity,

Eduardo Padron

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