

U.S. Legislator Submits Bill against Anti-Cuba Radio and TV Transmissions



Havana, January 29 (RHC) — U.S. Democratic representative for Minnesota, Betty McCollum, has submitted draft legislation to eliminate the funding by the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) of U.S. anti-Cuba radio and TV Marti transmissions.

According to local Miami media, McCollum issued a statement describing both radio and TV stations as an obsolete method in the new context of U.S.-Cuba relations.

She said that Radio and TV Marti are outdated artifacts of Cold War times. The legislator, who presented a similar bill in 2011, stressed that U.S. taxpayers should not be financing such propaganda, but instead back efforts so that the U.S. people can get directly in touch with the Cuban people.

Radio Marti was set up in 1983 and TV Marti in 1990 with the aim of maintaining subversive transmissions against the Cuban government.

The two stations are sending their anti-Cuba propaganda from Miami in Spanish, but they have been successfully jammed by Cuba. Observers say that far from having an impact on the island, they are just a

hole in the pockets of U.S. taxpayers.

Representative McCollum recently welcomed on her Facebook page the announcement by U.S. President Barack Obama to reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba and added that she would continue to work to lift the over-50-year U.S. commercial, economic and financial blockade of the island.

The budget allocated to the Office for Cuba Broadcast in 2014 reached 27 million dollars, according to statistics cited by local Miami media.

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