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The Hon John Murphy MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Petitions  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Mr Murphy

I refer to your letter of May 27, 2013, regarding a petition requesting support to safeguard Venezuelan democracy.

The Australian Embassy in Santiago, Chile, has been monitoring events in Venezuela in the lead up to and following the presidential elections of April 29, 2013. Australia and other like-minded countries are concerned about reports of human rights abuses and electoral fraud and make representations as appropriate.

Thank you for bringing the petition to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several sweeping, connected strokes.

Bob Carr