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All can voice their opinions

I WRITE THIS in response to the "protest" letter that the Cuban Ambassador to Barbados, Pedro Garcia Roque, has written regarding the open letter written by Carlos Moore.

First, Ambassador Roque, I am very proud that in my country Barbados it is in fact possible that **THE NATION** would publish your letter and that of Moore.

It would seem obvious that you are not versed in the ways of democracy but, like it or not, that is what guarantees each of us, and you while you reside here, the privilege and the possibility of having your opinion see the light of day in a public newspaper.

The Barbados Government and others throughout the region, and maybe even the United States in the near future, may well be trying to have closer ties with Cuba, but

the main purpose is to eventually try to get your government to embrace democracy and that is a fact - even young children at school know that.

I wholeheartedly back **THE NATION** on this issue and hope that no one, even overtly through "diplomatic channels" or otherwise, is allowed to stifle this constitutional right that we Barbadians have.

Ambassador Roque, please know that we know that our ambassador (to Cuba) could not do in Cuba what you have done here.

Notwithstanding this you are welcome to voice your opinions at any time and we will respond, if we think it necessary, with the knowledge that we can do so without the worry of retribution.

- DAVID G. BROOKS

Sidewalk is a danger to pedestrians

I RECENTLY BECAME AWARE of the state of a stretch of sidewalk between the fish market and the fisheries department and also on the opposite side of the road on Princess Alice Highway.

Apparently, these sections have been very hazardous to pedestrians, tourists and locals, especially when it rains. In their present condition, they are not appropriate for tourists with motorised carts, strollers and wheelchairs, as well as the local public to walk on.

Someone who works in proximity to the said area voiced their concerns

with their wheelchairs. Since tourism is our business and we are putting all of our eggs in one basket by constantly spending thousands of dollars to bring the tourists here, we certainly cannot afford to have negative comments made by them when they return to their various countries.

There are other areas in Bridgetown where the pavements and sidewalks need to be addressed also to accommodate those in wheelchairs and motorised carts.

As a matter of fact, the entire stretch from the Port to Bridgetown needs to be revisited