

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 4, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

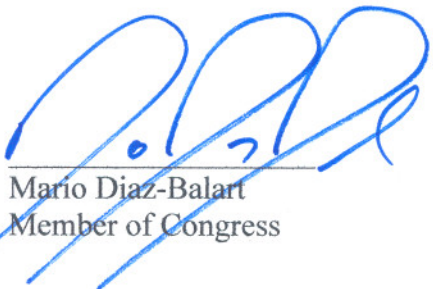
We write to express our strong support for the United States-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. Passing this trade agreement is essential for U.S. economic and national security interests. We respectfully request that you schedule it for a vote on the House Floor before the 110th Congress adjourns.

Colombia is a steadfast and critical ally with a growing economy. This agreement would level the economic playing field for U.S. workers and businesses, greatly expanding the market for U.S. exports. Nearly all of Colombia's exports to the United States are already duty-free, but U.S. businesses and workers still face duties of up to 80% on products that they export to Colombia. This agreement would open Colombia's market to U.S. goods and services while providing stronger enforcement of U.S. intellectual property rights and investments.


Additionally, this agreement would benefit U.S. national security interests by encouraging further success in eliminating narco-terrorism and cultivating a partnership with such a close democratic ally. A free trade agreement with Colombia would send a clear signal of our firm commitment to strengthening our mutual economic prosperity and security.

In the interest of strengthening prosperity for U.S. workers, bolstering our national security and improving U.S. international influence, we ask that Congress be allowed to vote on this essential trade agreement as soon as possible.


Sincerely,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress



Lincoln Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress