

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1311

July 18, 2008

His Excellency
Álvaro Uribe Vélez
President of the Republic of
Colombia
Bogota, Colombia

Dear Mr. President:

We write as members of the United States Congress to offer our highest congratulations on the successful rescue of 15 hostages from FARC captivity in Colombia. We are especially grateful for safely securing the rescue of three Americans, Marc Gonsalves, Keith Stansell, and Thomas Howes.

With the rescue of former presidential candidate Senator Ingrid Betancourt and the other Colombian hostages, not only has a great humanitarian mission been accomplished, but Colombia has shown determination to prevail over those who fight against democracy and peace.

The successful completion of this mission - *without a single shot being fired* - is a testament to the bravery, dedication, and intelligence of the Colombian military, and we commend the military forces for the careful planning and execution of the mission. This is yet one more crucial blow against FARC, and a victory for all Colombians.

While we celebrate this great accomplishment, we are still mindful that your mission to bring lasting peace and democracy to Colombia remains challenged by the FARC. Well over 700 hostages remain imprisoned by this group -- a group funded through the narcotics trade. The FARC must release all hostages immediately and cease all hostilities without condition.

At this important turning point, we support your efforts to work with democracies in our hemisphere to join in solidarity and demand the FARC immediately lay down their arms and unconditionally release all prisoners.

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Again, we congratulate you for this important victory, and support your ongoing efforts for lasting peace and democracy for all Colombians.

Sincerely,



Jerry Waller
Member of Congress



Jim Moran
Member of Congress



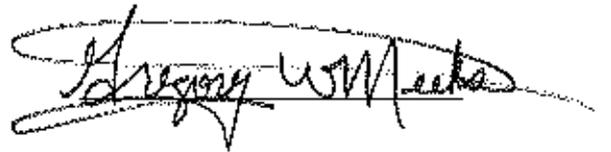
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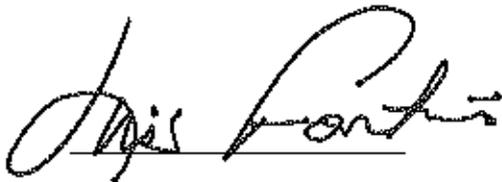
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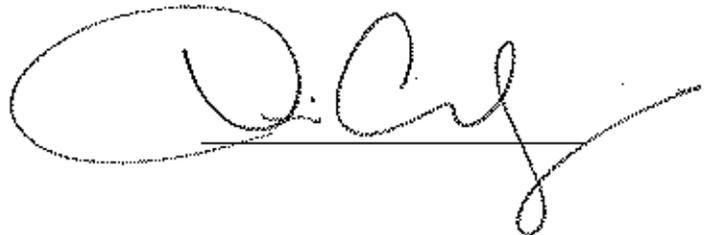
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