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Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

Thank you very much for your letter offering to support our efforts to secure approval of our free trade agreements with Peru and Colombia. I agree with you that both Peru and Colombia have proven to be important strategic allies of the United States in the Andean region on matters of security, counternarcotics, democracy, and trade.

As you may already know, the draft legislation implementing the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement was approved last month in "mock" mark ups by the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. The remaining Committee and floor votes on the Peru agreement will likely take place this fall. The Colombia agreement is several months behind the Peru as the President has not yet notified Congress of his intent to sign the deal.

(Let the man do his work (find something to write this!))
I appreciate very much your reaching out on this matter to reinforce our relationship with key allies in the Andean region. I will keep in mind your kind offer to lend your support to these efforts and will not hesitate to call on you to marshal our arguments on the foreign and security policy front.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Schwab

We will count on your help to make national security case for these two agreements when we reach the Hill. Many thanks!

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