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The Honorable Ellen Tauscher
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0510

Dear Representative Tauscher:

Thank you for your letter highlighting the concerns of our service members serving in Colombia and the possibility of designating that country a "combat zone." I have asked the staff to promptly address your questions on this issue and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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