



B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

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The Honorable Joseph Crowley
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Crowley:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International's more than 110,000 members and supporters in more than 50 countries, we write to urge your support for free trade agreements with Panama, Peru, and Colombia. These pacts, if approved by Congress, would bolster the economies and political systems of the three emerging democracies, and would in turn advance U.S. goals toward Latin America.

Founded in 1843, B'nai B'rith is the oldest Jewish communal service organization based in the United States. Our organization, which boasts an extensive and active membership in Latin America dating back to the early 20th century, views the three current trade agreements as vital to building relationships with important strategic allies of the United States in a region where anti-American sentiment has increased in recent years. We also feel strongly that the trade pacts, by shoring up the market economies and democratic institutions of these countries, would further efforts to combat poverty and promote human rights in the region.

We ask that you support these crucial objectives by voting in favor of the Panama, Peru, and Colombia free trade agreements. We thank you for your attention to this important issue and look forward to remaining in communication with you about this and other matters of mutual concern in the months to come.

Respectfully,

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President

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