



THE SECRETARY GENERAL

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Congressman Paul,

I would like to express my strong support for your approval of the US-Peru, US-Colombia and US-Panama free trade agreements. These trade agreements reflect an expression of United States endorsement for policies that promote trade and investment as a means to foster economic growth and help overcome poverty. Peru, Colombia and Panama negotiated these two-way agreements with the US and are committed to implementing the provisions that will lead to improved conditions for their workers and to more environmentally sustainable economies. Approval of these agreements will support the aspiration of these three dynamic countries to succeed in creating opportunities for all sectors of their societies to achieve prosperity and strengthen democracy.

As Secretary General of OAS, I see great hope for an Americas linked by the common goals of strong democracies that deliver the benefits of closer integration and sound economic policies for current and future generations. The approval of the FTAs would augur well for a united hemisphere.

Please join me and the leaders of democratic Peru, Colombia and Panama in giving your support to these important, innovative and forward looking trade agreements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Insulza", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Jose Miguel Insulza" is printed in a standard font.

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