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May 22, 2007

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 United States Senate
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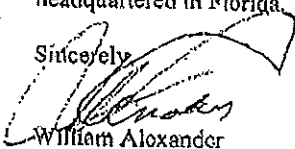
Dear Senator Martinez:

The Latin Chamber of Commerce of U.S.A. (CAMACOL), support the bipartisan accord on the pending free trade agreements with Peru, Colombia and Panama. As stated by the FTAA, this agreement presents an opportunity to increase trade flows between the United States and our partners, create jobs in Florida, promote development in the region, and to consolidate alliances in an increasingly polarized region. CAMACOL strongly urges Congress to capitalize on this moment of opportunity to pass these critical agreements.

For the last three decades CAMACOL has been promoting the Free Trade Agreements and the Economic Integration of the Americas, therefore, we insist on the Passage of these three agreements which would represent a significant milestone for Florida and the region. With Peru, Colombia and Panama joining the free trade agreements we have in the hemisphere, we will have created a contiguous chain of free trade agreements from the Tierra del Fuego to Alaska. If taken as a free trade are including the United States, these agreements would constitute 16.4 trillion USD in collective GDP (PPP), representing 65% of the aggregate GDP of the countries included in the original FTAA. Is our hope that the next phase in our trade and development policy toward the region will be to consolidate these gains by establishing an association among our free trade partners. Such an alliance will serve a variety of strategically important objectives and contribute to economic growth in the Americas. It also provides an opportunity to establish a framework and a forum for the reconstitution of hemispheric trade talks. Attached please find an op-ed piece by former United States Representative Bob Zoellick that discusses the "Association" proposal and calls for its location in Miami, Florida.

We see passage of the three pending agreements and subsequent launch of the "Association" concept as representing a new and rejuvenated period in hemispheric relations and a significant step forward toward the fulfillment of our aspirations for a free trade arc encompassing the vast majority of the region - headquartered in Florida.

Sincerely,


 William Alexander
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June 28, 2007

Honorable Charles B. Rangel
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Honorable Congressman:

We wish to congratulate you for your support to the extension of the special trade preferences (ATPDEA) in favor of the Andean countries Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Also, we respectfully ask your support to the approval by Congress of the Free Trade Agreements between our country and Colombia, Peru and Panama. This request is based on the serious economic, social and political damage these countries will face if this extension is not approved; as well as depriving our country of this mutually beneficial commercial relation, as explained in our previous correspondence, copy of which we are enclosing.

CAMACOL hereby reiterates the position held for the past three decades in favor of the free trade and economic integration of the countries of the American continent, to strengthen democracy and freedom and create conditions towards the economic development of the region.

Sincerely,

William Alexander
President