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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 27, 2014

Dr. Luis Eduardo Montealegre
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Bogotá, Colombia

Dear Dr. Montealegre:

As members of the Congressional Monitoring Group on Labor Rights committed to making sure that the United States and Colombia fully implement the promises made to Colombia's workers in the U.S.- Colombia Labor Action Plan, we write to ask for your assistance regarding killings of labor leaders and activists and recent death threats issued against them and their organizations.

We remain deeply concerned about the continued killings of trade unionists. We were saddened to learn of the recent murder of SINALTACEBA trade unionist Ever Luis Marin Rolong on January 4, 2014. Subsequent to this murder, a death threat was received by SINALTRACEBA's president, Rafael Maldonado Gamboa, who was informed "we've killed the first of you, you're the second." We strongly urge your office to immediately investigate both the murder and the death threat and to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

Regrettably, such death threats continue to be a reality. Indeed, recent information reveals that the number of deaths in 2013 was much higher than we had preliminarily been informed. The National Labor School's (ENS) December 2013 interim report indicates that 26 murders had taken place in 2013, and therefore regrettably, the alleged progress in reducing these killings has not materialized. We kindly ask that you advance the investigations into these 26 murders. A list of cases is provided along with this letter.

We also take this opportunity to ask that you please inform us of the status of the investigations regarding the following cases of death threats/security incidents:

- January 2013 death threats against the Director of the Central Union of Workers (CUT).
- Anibal Perez and members of the Association of Sick Drummond Port Workers (ASOTREDP).
- Harold Viafara Gonzalez, Agripina Hurtado Caicedo, and other members of the National Afro-Colombian Labor Council (CLAF).
- Nestle workers, Coca-Cola workers, and other members of SINALTRAINAL including Juan Carlos Galvis and William Mendoza.

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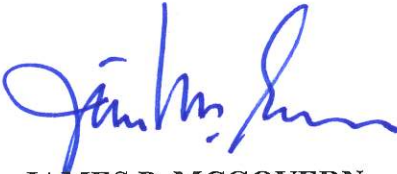
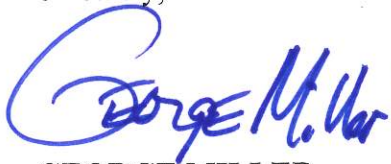
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- Death threats against members of the Oil Workers Union (USO).
- Death threats against members of the Port Workers Union.
- Death threats against members of SINTRAIMAGRA.
- Death threats against members of Funtraenergetica, Sintraemienergetica, and Sintraime including the assassination attempts against Ruben Morron and Jan Field Castellar.
- Death threats against labor rights activist Senator Alexander Lopez Maya and his team.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to continuing our dialogue with you on how we can advance justice in labor cases.

Sincerely,



GEORGE MILLER
Member of Congress

JAMES P. MCGOVERN
Member of Congress



SANDER M. LEVIN
Member of Congress

Attachment

**LISTADO DE VICTIMAS DE VIOLACION DEL DERECHO A LA VIDA, A LA LIBERTAD Y A LA INTEGRIDAD FISICA DE SINDICALISTAS
Colombia**

Informe del 1 Enero a 10 de Diciembre de 2013

Tipo de Violación: Homicidios

Total de casos = 26

Nombre	Fecha	Municipio	Departamento	Responsables	Clase de trabajador	Sigla sindicato
1. Oscar Pérez	09-ene-2013	El Bagre	Antioquia	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ADIDA
2. Joaquín Mendoza Medrano	14-ene-2013	Cartagena	Bolívar	No identificado	Trabajador de base	SINCONTAXCAR
3. Juan Carlos Pérez Muñoz	28-ene-2013	Corinto	Cauca	No identificado	Activista Sindical	SINTRAINAGRO
4. Elizabeth Gutiérrez	30-ene-2013	La Victoria	Valle del Cauca	No identificado	Trabajador de base	SUTEV
5. Edilberto Rangel Zambrano	06-feb-2013	Arauca	Arauca	No identificado	Trabajador de base	UTP
6. Néstor Manuel Hinestroza Mendoza	08-feb-2013	Sincelejo	Sucre	No identificado	Trabajador de base	UTP
7. Leonardo García Morera	13-feb-2013	Bolívar	Valle del Cauca	No identificado	Trabajador de base	SUTEV
8. Salvador Casso Dizu	9-mar-2013	Caldono	Cauca	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ASOINCA
9. Mario Manuel Ruiz Tovar	11-mar-2013	Nechí	Antioquia	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ADIDA
10. Narciso Beltrán	12-abr-2013	Galapa	Atlántico	Paramilitares	Activista Sindical	FANAL
11. Daniel Mancera Bernal	16-abr-2013	Barranquilla	Atlántico	No identificado	Trabajador de base	UTP
12. Fabián Enrique Espinosa Cabarcas	13-may-2013	Cartagena	Bolívar	No identificado	Trabajador de base	SINCONTAXCAR
13. Francisco José Mena Henao	14-may-2013	Medellín	Antioquia	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ADIDA
14. Didier Martínez Mejía	04-jun-2013	Florencia	Caquetá	No identificado	Trabajador de base	UTP
15. Esneider Rubio Herrera	04-jun-2013	Florencia	Caquetá	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	UTP
16. Luis Fabio Campo Rodríguez	15-jul-2013	Cali	Valle	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	ASOCIACIÓN DE JUBILADOS Y PENSIONADOS DEL MUNICIPIO DE CALI
17. Gloria Lucy López Fuentes	31-jul-2013	Popayán	Cauca	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ASOINCA
18. Francisco José Ocampo Cepeda	04-ago-2013	Cali	Valle	Organismo estatal	Activista Sindical	SUTEV
19. Fernando Flórez Viveros	27-sep-2013	Cali	Valle	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	SINDOEPAL
20. Graciela Rodríguez Ramos	08-oct-2013	Pamplona	Norte de Santander	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ASINORT
21. Juan David Gómez Vertel	08-nov-2013	Medellín	Antioquia	No identificado	Activista Sindical	ADIDA
22. Oscar López Triviño	09-nov-2013	Bugalagrande	Valle	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	SINALTRAINAL



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23. Robinson Piedrahita Llanos	13-nov-2013	Puerto Berrio	Antioquia	No identificado	Trabajador de base	ADIDA
24. Héctor José Monterrosa Bolaños	17-nov-2013	Medellín	Antioquia	No identificado	Activista Sindical	ADIDA
25. Carlos Edmundo García Herreros	04-dic-2013	Cúcuta	Norte de Santander	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	USSEP
26. Pedro Alejandrino Camperos	07-dic-2013	Sardinata	Norte de Santander	No identificado	Dirigente Sindical	SINDENORTE