

27th January, 2015

Mr Richard Bruton, TD
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation
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Kildare Street
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Re EU Trade Agreement with Columbia

Dear Minister

The human rights situation in Columbia is a matter of deep and continuing concern to Congress. We do not believe that the mechanisms built in to the proposed EU Trade Agreement with Columbia will be in any way effective. We are particularly concerned at the fate of our fellow trade unionists in that country who are regularly murdered with apparent impunity.

This is a matter of the most serious ethical and moral importance for our country. I earnestly entreat you to delay ratification of the Treaty until Congress can discuss the implications with you in more detail.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



David Begg
GENERAL SECRETARY

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cc Mr P Bunting
Mr T Geraghty