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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

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Demonstrating support for the Administration's request to increase assistance to the Government of Colombia in the fight against terrorism, the Congress enacted section 305 of the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. That provision authorizes the Department of Defense greater flexibility to use counter-drug-funded resources to conduct counterterrorism support in Colombia. Unfortunately, that Act is limited to the current fiscal year, and the necessary authorities will expire on September 30, 2002.

The requested authorities are critical to the success of President Uribe's efforts to sustain the democratic nation of Colombia and are consistent with U.S. goals in the war against terrorism and the war on drugs. Without the flexibility to use counter-drug funding in fiscal year 2003 to counter various terrorist organizations, the Government of Colombia may not prevail, which would be adverse to our own national security.

This provision is consistent with the overall efforts of the United States in the global war against terrorism, and would send a strong signal of support to the new Government of Colombia and the other countries of the Andean Region in their fight to sustain democracy.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, to the presentation of these initiatives for the consideration of the Congress.

Sincerely,

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**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FUNDING FOR COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES.**

1           Funds available to the Department of Defense for assistance to the Government of  
2           Columbia for counter-drug activities for fiscal year 2003, and any unobligated funds or unexpired  
3           balances available to any element for such activities for a prior fiscal year, shall be available to  
4           support a unified campaign against narcotics trafficking and against activities by organizations  
5           designated as terrorist organizations such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia  
6           (FARC), the National Liberation Army (ELN), and the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia  
7           (AUC), and to take actions to protect human health and welfare in emergency circumstances,  
8           including undertaking rescue operations.