

Bogotá, D.C. Colombia, February 20 2025

**Honorable Senator Charles Ernest Grassley**

Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Grassley,

As a Former National Police Director of Colombia and retired officer with the rank of General, I would like to express my highest recognition and appreciation for Mr. Terry Cole, a distinguished veteran of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Mr. Cole demonstrated outstanding professionalism and dedication during his service from 2003 to 2005 in the fight against criminal organizations engaged in drug trafficking from Colombia to the United States and several European countries. His efforts led to the capture of key criminal leaders facing extradition and local prosecution, the seizure of significant quantities of narcotics both in Colombia and abroad, the confiscation of illicit assets, and the dismantling of cocaine processing laboratories. These achievements severely impacted the financial networks that fuel the ongoing conflict against the Colombian state, including terrorist groups.

Beyond his operational successes, Mr. Cole played a crucial role in strengthening the collaboration between the National Police of Colombia and the DEA. His commitment, dynamism, and cooperative spirit fostered stronger ties between our nations in the fight against drug trafficking.

It is commendable that the United States Government has nominated Mr. Cole as Director of the DEA. I have no doubt that, under his leadership, the global fight against drug trafficking will be significantly reinforced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Luis Vargas Valencia". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and 'V'.

General (RP) Jorge Luis Vargas Valencia  
Former National Police Director of Colombia