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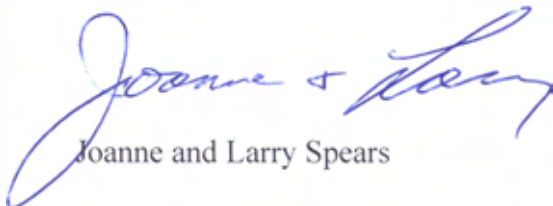
Subject: Apology for Vice-President Biden Remarks

Ambassador Alcerro,

We apologize to your country and the region for the recent statements by Vice-President Biden regarding the war on drugs on behalf of the American people. We urge your government to continue to take leadership in helping the U.S. to change its policy direction regarding drugs after the November 2012 election.

As you know, Vice-President Biden did not mean what he said publicly about the war on drugs on his recent trip. Privately, he and President Obama, and the U.S. Congress members, agree that the U.S. drug policy must change for scientific, ethical, security, financial, health, legal and human rights reasons. They are unwilling to acknowledge the policy change until after the November election. With your leadership, they may be induced to provide leadership in changing U.S. policy after the election.

We appreciate the leadership of your president and those of Costa Rica, Mexico, Columbia, Salvador, Brazil and Guatemala on this subject. It embarrasses us that the U.S. has failed to take the lead and must follow your lead in this area, but we, therefore, are doubly grateful for your leadership.

  
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