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Dear Friends:

Peace! Last year I traveled to Colombia with my friends at the Colombia Support Network (CSN) to see for myself the devastation that U.S. military aid is wreaking in that beautiful land. It was an eye-opening experience, and I returned heart-broken, but determined to speak out against U.S. support for war and destruction in Colombia.

For many years now, the Colombia Support Network has worked to inform U.S. people of faith and conscience about the reality of the U.S.-backed armed conflict in Colombia, and the struggle of peasants, indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities, CSN lets us know about the concrete effects of U.S. policies toward our sisters and brothers in Colombia. By linking communities in this country with Colombia towns and movements in sister community relationships, CSN promotes a living solidarity, harnessing international support for non-violent resistance for Colombians seeking a more just order. CSN works to change U.S. policy through education and helps its chapter members communicate with their representatives in Congress to demand a new nonviolent foreign policy. These efforts have helped influence U.S. policy toward Colombia for the better.

I'm very grateful to everyone at the Colombia Support Network for their hard work in solidarity with the suffering people of Colombia, and I'm writing to ask for your support for CSN. We need the Colombia Support Network. We need CSN to strengthen and grow, to teach us about what's really happening in Colombia, and to help us support our sisters and brothers in Colombia. Please give whatever you can to CSN, and join me in working peace with Colombia and people every where. Thank you for your generous contribution to CSN, and for whatever help you can give to this important organization. (Note that your contributions are tax deductible).

May the God of peace bless us all! Sincerely,

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