



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 17, 2021

His Excellency
Ivan Duque
President of the Republic of Colombia
Bogota

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your congratulatory letter.

I assumed the Presidency clear-eyed about the daunting global and regional challenges ahead, but also eager to reinvigorate important and longstanding relationships with partners like Colombia.

The world has changed significantly since our 2018 conversation in Bogota, but my deep and abiding respect for the courage, sacrifice, and perseverance of the Colombian people remains unwavering. I am committed to a bipartisan agenda that promotes our shared prosperity, that contributes toward a durable peace for all Colombians, and that advances our shared vision for a hemisphere that is secure, middle class, and democratic.

I also want to applaud your decision to provide temporary protected legal status to the more than 1.7 million Venezuelan migrants who have fled to Colombia to escape the violence and suffering of the Venezuelan regime. The right thing to do is not always the most politically expedient, but it is the hallmark of true leadership.

Colombia is a country near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to our work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Biden", written in a cursive style.