



MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors  
From: Carol Guthrie for Finance Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)  
Re: House action regarding Colombia trade agreement

Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus commented today regarding the House of Representatives' proposed action regarding the pending trade agreement between the U.S. and Colombia. From Chairman Baucus:

**“This decision by the House on the Colombia trade agreement is not at all surprising, given the President’s unprecedented effort to force Congress into a vote. I’m concerned that the President’s hasty action will not only throw the Colombia deal off track, but may make the larger trade debate a lot more contentious. Congress and the White House are going to need to take a step back from the brink, focus on renewing an agreement on Trade Adjustment Assistance for American workers, and then consider the Colombia deal on its merits.”**

The Senate Finance Committee has jurisdiction over U.S. trade policy.