

Dear Editor:

In reference to[cite story on Colombia or free trade agreement or something on which to hook your letter], Colombia has not made progress in recent years in reducing violence against trade unionists. More trade unionists were murdered in 2010 (51) than in 2009 (47). Indeed, Colombia was not only number one in the world, again, last year but more trade unionists were murdered in Colombia than in the rest of the world combined, according a June 2011 survey which found 90 murders globally in 2010.

Candidate Obama opposed the Colombia trade agreement because he understood that global trade and competition cannot be fair when workers who organize to raise their standard of living are murdered. President Obama should honor his campaign pledge.

Sincerely,