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Dear Mr. Andrade,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to my Colombian and Venezuelan friends who will jointly celebrate the independence of the Republic of Colombia and the Republic of Venezuela tonight in Weston, Florida. It is both a day for Colombians and Venezuelans to remember the sacrifice and struggle of those like Simón Bolívar and to celebrate the richness of Colombian and Venezuelan culture.

Colombia has been a leading democracy in our hemisphere, and it is my sincere hope that one day Venezuela will be as well. Colombians and Venezuelans have not only contributed to the enrichment of our society but also to the economic growth and prosperity of Florida.

The largest Venezuelan and Venezuelan-American community in the United States is located in South Florida. As a result, this community has added to the cultural diversity of our great state and demonstrated the entrepreneurial spirit of the Venezuelan people. I would also like to commend all Venezuelans living in exile in our state for their love of freedom and steadfast activism to ensure that democracy prevails once again in Venezuela.

Colombia and Florida are positioned to make an impact through trade and job creation. Thus, I am supportive of public policy initiatives that are mutually beneficial to the American and Colombian economies. It is my sincere hope that we can strengthen the partnership between Colombia and Florida in the near future.

¡Felicidades!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Atwater".

Jeff Atwater  
Chief Financial Officer

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