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In Defense of Justice for Álvaro Uribe Vélez

FORMER HOUSE CHAIRMAN JOINS FREE URIBE CAMPAIGN

(September 8, 2020 – Washington D.C.) Former Congressman **Connie Mack** (R-FL), who oversaw development of U.S. policy towards Latin America as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, has joined the leadership of the [Free Uribe](#) campaign.

“I am honored to defend the integrity of Álvaro Uribe against false attacks, and defend the importance of the vital U.S. partnership with Colombia that Uribe played a central role in creating, and his accusers are determined to destroy,” Mack said.

During his time in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2005 to 2013, Congressman Mack took a lead in supporting the strengthening of democracy in Colombia and throughout the region. In addition to his service on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Mack served on the Budget, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe was arrested without charge on August 4, 2020, in [a politically motivated case driven by Colombian Senator Iván Cepeda](#), the principal ally of [the current leaders](#) of the [Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia \(FARC\)](#), which has been [designated by the United States government as a terrorist organization](#). As President of Colombia from 2002 to 2010, [Uribe nearly defeated the FARC in its war to overthrow democratic rule of law](#), and built a strong alliance with the U.S. in combatting international drug trafficking and promoting democratic stability in the region. The [sham “case” against Uribe](#) is another chapter of a long political campaign led by Cepeda and the FARC to reverse these policies and dismantle the U.S.-Colombian partnership in the region.

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