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Kucinich, 28 Members of Congress Call for Hearings on US Role in Venezuela Coup

*Letter sent to Chairman and Ranking Member of Senate
International Relations Subcommittee*

Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH), joined by twenty-eight Members of Congress, today, sent a letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate International Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs calling for Congressional hearings into the United States' role in the attempted overthrow of the Hugo Chavez government in Venezuela.

"Only a Congressional investigative committee can probe what the Administration knew and when it knew it; and what the Administration did and when," states the letter. "We hope you will agree that a thorough investigation of this specific episode of Administration conduct is important to U.S. relations with other countries."

The request for Congressional hearings follows numerous press accounts of meetings between members of the Administration and leading Chavez opponents, and reports that Chavez opponents received U.S. funding.

Joining Kucinich, in sending the letter to Chairman Christopher Dodd and Ranking Member Chafee, are Reps. S. Brown, Capuano, Conyers, DeFazio, Doggett, Filner, Frank, Hilliard, Hinchey, Hoyer, Kaptur, Lee, McKinney, Miller, Mink, Nadler, Olver, Payne, Rivers, Rodriguez, Sanders, Schakowsky, Serrano, Slaughter, Towns, Velazquez, Waters, and Wexler.

The letter was also sent to House International Relations Chairman Henry Hyde, and Ranking Member Tom Lantos.

Congressman Kucinich is the Ranking Member of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations.