

## United States Senate

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To the Firm of Foley & Lardner:

It has recently come to my attention that your firm was hired by Inspector General Reinaldo Muñoz, the top lawyer for Nicolas Maduro's brutal regime in Venezuela.

This is shocking news considering the absolute genocide Maduro is committing on his citizens. He is a thug and a dictator who is murdering children and starving his people. No business in the United States should have any contact with Maduro's government, let alone willingly take money to lobby on its behalf.

As Governor and now as U.S. Senator, I've been committed to fighting for freedom and democracy around the globe. The United States has taken strong action to try to force Maduro aside, but more must be done to bring freedom to the people of Venezuela. Frankly, I'm disgusted to learn that your firm has decided not to support this fight, and is instead choosing to stand with Maduro.

As long as you represent a dangerous dictator who is against everything this country was built on, I refuse to meet with anyone in your firm, or anyone that contracts on this matter with your firm, regardless of the many clients you represent. And I am urging every one of my colleagues to do the same.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott  
United States Senator