



# TAKE ACTION!

## PROMOTE RIGHTS FOR FLOWER WORKERS

1. **The next time you buy a bouquet** at your local supermarket or florist shop, tell the retailer you would like more information about conditions at their supplying plantations, and that you hope they will start sourcing from plantations with fair trade certification.
2. **Urge Dole to respect the basic rights of its flower workers** in Colombia and to negotiate with Untraflores in good faith to resolve its conflicts at its Splendor and Fragancia plantations. (More info: [www.usleap.org/Flowers/flowertemp.htm#Dolecampaign](http://www.usleap.org/Flowers/flowertemp.htm#Dolecampaign))

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3. **Wal-Mart**, the largest corporation in the world, is a major retailer of flowers from Colombia, including Dole flowers. Express your concern about pesticide poisoning, discrimination, and labor rights violations on flower farms, and ask Wal-Mart to pressure their suppliers, including Dole, to respect labor rights and abide by occupational health and safety standards.

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4. **Trade and Congress:** The flower industry in Colombia and Ecuador are major beneficiaries of U.S. trade benefits provided by the recently-extended Andean Trade Partnership Act, which conditions benefits on exporting countries taking steps to improve worker rights. The U.S. and Colombian governments have also signed a proposed free trade agreement with Colombia that needs Congressional approval. **Contact your Members of Congress** to encourage them to promote the inclusion of anti-discrimination clauses and enforceable labor rights mechanisms in this trade agreement, to provide better protections for women workers on flower plantations and in other sectors. Contact information for your Representative can be found at <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>



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