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Opening Statement As Prepared**

The Subcommittee will come to order. Today we welcome back Secretary Julián Castro from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to discuss the Fiscal Year 2016 budget request. The goal of today's hearing is to dive deeper into the specifics of what HUD is requesting for each of its different programs in 2016.

Mr. Secretary, we appreciate your testimony today as we take a closer look under the hood of the FY16 request. We have your written testimony and it has been entered into the record. Because we have a significant amount of ground to cover and limited time, we are dispensing with the delivery of opening statements and instead moving straight to questions.

We will begin with 5 minute rounds. When posing your questions, please allot some time for the Secretary to provide an answer.

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