



# **Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart**

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*Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations*

**Members' Day Hearing  
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Opening Statement as Prepared**

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The Subcommittee will come to order.

Good morning, and welcome to this year's first THUD Subcommittee hearing. Today we welcome our distinguished colleagues to testify on their priorities for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development for both FY 17 and 18.

Under our new Full Committee Chairman, Rodney Frelinghuysen, we have brought back Member Hearing Days in order to give every Member the opportunity to express their priorities and concerns to the Committee. We want every Member involved in the Appropriations process, so I sincerely thank you for your participation. Your views are important to us as we begin this new Appropriations season, and we look forward to hearing your testimony today.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize Mr. Joyce, who was recently named the Vice Chairman of this Subcommittee. Congratulations, Mr. Joyce! I look forward to working with you as we begin to work to responsibly craft and complete the FY 18 THUD Appropriations bill.

With that, I recognize the Ranking Member of this Subcommittee, the Gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Price, for his opening statement.

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