

Committee on Natural Resources / Office of Insular Affairs

April 14th, 2021

Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1522 & H.R. 2070

Submissions for the Record

Rep. González-Colón submissions

- Keren Riquelme Cabrera, Puerto Rico Senator At-Large – letter to Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Westerman
- Puerto Rico Young Republican Federation – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Collection of letters
 - Pedro Pierluisi, Governor of Puerto Rico – Letter to Congressional leadership
 - Letter signed by 47 legal and constitutional scholars supporting the Puerto Rico Admission Act of 2021 (H.R. 1522 & S. 780) and opposing the Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (H.R. 2070 & S. 865)
 - Organizations Supporting Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (51 signed organizations) – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
 - Jose F. Aponte-Hernández, Former Speaker of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico and Representative At-Large – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
 - State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico – Final Certification Amended Plebiscite for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico’s Political Status
 - Boricuas Unidos en la Diaspora – video screencap
 - Tweets from Luis V. Gutierrez
 - Civil Rights Coalition for Puerto Rico Statehood – letter of support
 - Puerto Rico Escogió Estadidad, Inc. & 100 citizen signatures – letter of support
 - Milagros G. López Campos, Municipal Legislator of Carolina, Puerto Rico – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
 - Gregoria Igartua – letter of support (H.R. 1522), 2 attachments
 - Ricardo Marrero-Passapera – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
 - Democratic Party of Puerto Rico – letter to Rep. Joaquin Castro

Rep. Soto submissions

- Steny H. Hoyer, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives – testimony before the Committee

Rep. Velázquez submissions

- Status, Our People and Right to Vote by Victoria Muñoz Mendoza and Héctor Luis Acevedo (*El Nuevo Día*, March 25, 2021, page 35)

Dr. Ponsa-Kraus submissions

- Itemized list of Dr. Ponsa-Kraus’s submissions
- “Political Wine in a Judicial Bottle: Justice Sotomayor’s Surprising Concurrence in *Aurelius*” (Sept. 21, 2020) – journal essay (Yale Law Journal Forum)

- Collection of three letters: the “Letter signed by 47 legal and constitutional scholars supporting the Puerto Rico Admission Act of 2021 and opposing the Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act” submitted by Rep. González-Colón, a response to this letter from constitutional law professors based in Puerto Rico, and Dr. Ponsa-Kraus’s reply.
- “The Battle Over Puerto Rico’s Future” (April 21, 2021) – blog post

Hon. Acevedo-Vilá submissions

- Frente Puertorriqueñista (Puerto Rican Front) (signed by 115 stakeholders) – manifesto and letter of support
- Views on Political Status Among Puerto Rican Voters, Hart Research Associates – results of 2020 telephone survey

Mr. José Fuentes submissions

- Republican National Committee, Zoraida Fonalledas, National Committee Woman for Puerto Rico – letter of support (H.R. 1522)

Support for H.R. 1522, *Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act* (individuals)

- Alba Calderon – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Andrés L. Córdova, Commissioner in Puerto Rico’s Civil Rights Commission – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Dennis O. Freytes – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Derick Leon – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Enid Acevedo – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Eugenio Matías Pérez – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Francisco Ortiz Berlinger – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Gene Roman - collection of news stories, pro-statehood
- Joaquín A. Márquez – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Jose Avilés – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- José Vicente, Filadelfia IDDPMI Santiago Iglesias – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Luis Matos - letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Manuel De Jesus Lopez Alamo – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- María C Robles-Torres – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Norika Rodríguez Carmona – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Sara Muñoz Meléndez – letter of support (H.R. 1522)
- Virgilio Sánchez Figueroa – letter of support (H.R. 1522)

Support for H.R. 1522, *Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act* (groups)

- Puerto Rico Escogió Estadidad, Inc., Irma Rodriguez – letter of support
- Puerto Rico-USA Foundation, John Regis – letter of support
- The National Puerto Rican Equality Coalition – letter of support

- Young Professionals for Puerto Rico Statehood (YPPRS) - letter to the Committee & Chairman Grijalva

Support for H.R. 2070, *Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act* (groups)

- ELA de Puerto Rico- Defensores Inc. – letter to Committee & Chairman Grijalva
- Puerto Rican Action Movement – informational brief

VAMOS Puerto Rico submissions [List]

- Alejandro Torres Rivera – informational brief
- Alliance for Free Association (ALAS), José Ortiz Daliot – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Antonio J. Fas Alzamora, former President of the Senate of Puerto Rico – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Democratic Socialists of America, Austin González – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Eduardo Villanueva Muñoz – letter to the Committee
- Gladys Franco, cofounder of the Boricua Solidarity Movement – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Javier Smith Torres – letter to the Committee & Chairman Grijalva
- Justin Maldonado – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- La Mesa Boricua of Florida, María Revelles – letter of support
- María J. Torres-López – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Organización Puertorriqueña de la Mujer Trabajadora (OPMT), Alice Colón Warren – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Our Revolution Puerto Rico (ORPR), Maruxa Cárdenas – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Paul Figueroa – letter of support (H.R. 2070)
- Raquel M. Gonzalez-Sparks – letter of support (H.R. 2070)

People's Hearing on Puerto Rico Self-Determination submissions [List]

- Maria de Lourdes Guzmán – letter
- Marina Aleman – letter of support (H.R. 2070)

Letters to the Committee & Chairman [List]

- John Ward Llambias – letter to the Committee
- José Luis Dalmau, President of the Senate of Puerto Rico and of the Popular Democratic Party – letter to the Committee & Chairman Grijalva
- Melissa Richardson – letter to the Committee & Chairman Grijalva
- Zayira Jordán Conde – letter to the Committee & Chairman Grijalva

Other submissions [List]

- Diálogo Por Puerto Rico
- Emilio Pantojas García – Metro.pr, Opinion: El mito de una mayoría estadista
- H.Con.Res. 1, House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, 19th Legislative Assembly

- Professors of Constitutional Law at ABA approved law schools in Puerto Rico
- Puertorriqueños Unidos en Acción (PUA), Manuel Rivera – letter to Committee & Chairman Grijalva