

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
VIA CISCO WEBEX  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. (EDT)

**Agenda**

Legislative hearing on the following pieces of legislation:

- [H.R. 2070](#) (Rep. Nydia Velázquez), To recognize the right of the People of Puerto Rico to call a status convention through which the people would exercise their natural right to self-determination, and to establish a mechanism for congressional consideration of such decision, and for other purposes. *Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021*.
- [H.R. 1522](#) (Rep. Darren Soto), To provide for the admission of the State of Puerto Rico into the Union. *Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act*.

**Witness List**

**H.R. 2070, “Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021”**

- 1. The Hon. Luis Gutiérrez**  
Former Representative, Illinois’s 4<sup>th</sup>  
District  
Chicago, IL
- 2. Dr. Rafael Cox Alomar**  
Professor of Constitutional Law,  
University of the District of Columbia  
Washington, DC
- 3. Ms. Annette Martínez-Orabona**  
Director, Caribbean Institute of Human  
Rights  
San Juan, PR

**H.R. 1522, “Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act”**

- 4. Rev. Carmen Cabrera**  
President, League of United Latin  
American Citizens (LULAC) Faith  
Council  
Hatillo, PR
- 5. Dr. Christina Ponsa-Kraus**  
Professor of Constitutional Law,  
Columbia University  
New York, NY
- 6. Prof. Andrés L. Córdova**  
Professor of Property Law, Inter  
American University of Puerto Rico

**Neutral**

- 7. Dr. José Caraballo-Cueto**  
Professor of Economics, University of  
Puerto Rico  
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