



**INITIAL POSITION STATEMENT OF PROYECTO DIGNIDAD
PERTAINING TO THE DISCUSSION DRAFT BILL CIRCULATED BY SEVERAL
MEMEBERS OF THE FEDERAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENABLE THE
PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO CHOOSE A PERMANENTE, NONTERRITORIAL,
FULLY SELF-GOVERNING POLITICAL STATUS FOR PUERTO RICO AND TO
PROVIDE FOR A TRANSITION TO AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT
PERMANENT, NONTERRITORIAL, FULLY SELF-GOVERNING POLITICAL
STATUS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

I. Proyecto Dignidad's (PD) position as to the circulated Draft Bill:

It is PD's position to support all efforts initiated by Congress, including the submitted draft, that will enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status that provides for a transition to and the implementation of the status options presented, without supporting any specific status as a political institution.

II. Why PD Supports this Bill:

- a) Coincides with PD's Declaration of Principles as to Puerto Rico Status, which in principle supports all efforts in which the following criteria are included: (1) Democratic Process in all essential determinations that enable the recognition and acceptance of the Puerto Rico electorate self-determination; (2) Congress is involved and takes responsibility to enable all democratic results; (3) the status options presented to the electorate provide for a permanent and non-colonial/territorial solution to the political relationship with the USA; (4) PD will not support any specific status in the process and its members, as individuals, will be free to advocate in favor of any of the status included in the process.
- b) The draft Bill recognizes Congress responsibility as an indispensable participant in any effective and permanent implementation of the plebiscite electoral results and its follow up consequences.
- c) The draft Bill is in accordance and in compliance with federal, international and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico laws.
- d) The draft Bill enables a non-partisan educational process in Puerto Rico related to all status options and the effects and consequences of each transition process.
- e) If the draft Bill is presented as is, without any substantial amendment, PD is in the position to publicly support the same.
- f) PD's official position as to the political status of Puerto Rico enables our party to, along side with Congress, become an impartial educational voice pertaining to the electoral process contained in the Bill and the consequences under each political status options provided by the Bill.