

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

September 9, 2020

Rafael Cox-Alomar  
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Dear Prof. Cox-Alomar:

The Committee on Natural Resources invites you to testify at remote oversight hearing titled, *Puerto Rico's Options for a Non-Territory Status and What Should Happen After November's Plebiscite*. The hearing is scheduled for **Friday, September 25, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via Cisco WebEx online video conferencing**.

At the hearing, you will be given five minutes to present your oral testimony. You are welcome to submit a longer statement in writing that will be included in the hearing record. After all witnesses have finished their oral testimony, each member of the Committee will have five minutes to comment and ask questions of witnesses.

Please review the enclosed documents and submit any requested information by Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Auburn Bell, Office of Insular Policy Aide, at [auburn.bell@mail.house.gov](mailto:auburn.bell@mail.house.gov) or (202) 875-9658.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva  
Chair  
Committee on Natural Resources

Enclosures: Committee Witness Requirements  
"Truth in Testimony" Witness Disclosure Form

## **Requirements for Witnesses Appearing before the House Committee on Natural Resources**

Committee Rules require you to provide the following items to the Committee **at least 48 hours prior to** the hearing date:

1. **Brief Oral Statement.** Witnesses must provide their testimony to be orally presented to the Committee within their five-minute allotment. In addition, please provide an electronic copy for posting on the Committee website.
2. **Full Written Statement.** Witnesses with longer statements that cannot be fully presented within five minutes should provide **2 copies** of their full written statement to be submitted for the Committee hearing record. In addition, please provide an electronic copy for posting on the Committee website.
3. **Submissions for the Record.** If you wish to submit additional materials for the record, **please email an electronic copy as a Microsoft Word document or as a non-scanned pdf, by the deadline indicated by the Chairman at the hearing (usually 10 calendars days)**. Also, please limit submissions to 15 pages. We ask that you provide a link for submissions over 15 pages in length. This link will be used in place of the document in the printed hearing.
4. **Truth-in-Testimony Disclosure.** A “Truth-in-Testimony” disclosure form is enclosed and will be made publicly available following your testimony before the Committee.
5. **Résumé.** Witnesses should submit a current résumé summarizing their education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.
6. **Seating in the Hearing Room.** Please be advised that the hearing room is small, and seating is very limited. We have reserved **2 additional seats per witness**. This is strictly enforced to ensure that our witnesses, staff, and the public have access to these public hearings in an effort to maintain transparency

# Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\*, of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Subcommittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing :

Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Type:    Governmental    Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization?    Self    Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current calendar year and previous two calendar years. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current year and previous two calendar years. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

### **False Statements Certification**

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**If you are a non-governmental witness, please ensure that you attach the following documents to this disclosure. Check both boxes to acknowledge that you have done so.**

- Written statement of proposed testimony
- Curriculum vitae or biography

\*Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include—

(i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and

(ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.