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Mr. Rogelio Figueroa
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Dear Mr. Rogelio Figueroa:

Thank you for your request to appear before the Committee on Natural Resources, June 24, 2009, Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2499, "Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009" to be held in Washington D.C. I appreciate your interest and your willingness to participate in this important hearing.

As you know, this upcoming hearing is on the issue of Puerto Rico's future political status. The people of Puerto Rico have responded enthusiastically to the Committee's desire to hear from different sectors of the community. I recognize that the legislation we will consider will have a great impact on Puerto Rico's future, but as a practical matter we are unable to accommodate you to personally appear before the Committee. Nevertheless, it is important to me that your support and concerns over the proposed measure is included.

You are welcome to submit your written testimony that I personally will read. I will ensure that it will be made a part of the Committee's Legislative Hearing record on H.R. 2499. Please follow the requirements for written testimony, attached to this letter. **Only testimony received in the required format will be submitted for the record.** If you would like to submit testimony please email it to Rebecca Zepeda at Rebecca.Zepeda@mail.house.gov by July 7, 2009.

Please be assured that the Subcommittee will hold fair and impartial hearings. You may watch the hearing live on our website, www.resourcescommittee.house.gov.

Once again, thank you for your request to appear before the Committee.

Sincerely,



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