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VIDEO RELEASE: Facts on Puerto Rico Statehood Needed Before, not After Vote on H.R. 2499

WASHINGTON D.C. – In anticipation of today’s vote on H.R. 2499, the Puerto Rico Democracy Act, House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Doc Hastings (WA-04) released a video and accompanying fact sheets outlining concerns and questions about the proposed legislation. H.R. 2499 would provide for a two-step vote process in Puerto Rico on their future political status, including the option of becoming the nation’s 51st state. If Congress is going to ask Puerto Rico if they want to become a state, as H.R. 2499 does, then Congress has an obligation to understand in advance what statehood would mean to both Puerto Rico and the existing 50 states.



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