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Representative Rob Bishop
Chairman Committee on Natural Resources
Representative Bruce Westerman
Chairman Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: *Testimony at Committee on Natural Resources Hearing on November 7, 2017*

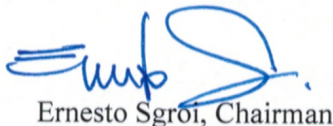
Dear Representatives Bishop and Westerman:

In my capacity as Chairman of the Governing Board of PREPA, I write in response to your invitation to have our Executive Director Ricardo L. Ramos appear at a hearing that the Committee on Natural Resources is holding at 10:00 am on November 7, 2017. PREPA welcomes the opportunity to communicate with the Committee and has been providing documents responsive to the Committee's requests. While we are willing to make Mr. Ramos available to speak with the Committee at a future time, he has communicated to us that regretfully, he is unable to participate in the scheduled hearing due to urgent efforts on the ongoing emergency restoration, including the imminent mobilization and logistics of an additional 3,000 workers and needed equipment from Florida and New York utilities that will arrive in stages by November 21, 2017.

As you may be aware, the situation on the ground in Puerto Rico is challenging. The restoration of electricity on the Island is at a critical stage. Over 42% of the electricity, based on peak demand, has been restored as of this morning and we expect substantial progress will be made this week. We agree with Mr. Ramos that it is critical he continues to focus on those efforts, and having him off the Island for the three days required to come to Washington D.C. would undoubtedly disrupt our restoration efforts – a result we know would not be acceptable to the members of the Committee.

We will continue to provide the requested information, and respectfully request that Mr. Ramos be allowed to appear before the Committee in the near future, once the mobilization from Florida and New York is completed.

Best regards,



Ernesto Sgroi, Chairman

cc: Ricardo L. Ramos, Executive Director