

House Committee on Natural Resources
Hearing on H.R. 1522, “Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act,” and
H.R. 2070, “Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act”

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Compiled Submissions for the Record

The documents listed below were submitted by Professor Ponsa-Kraus for the legislative record. Items (1), (2)(a), and (3) were submitted prior to the hearing. Items (2)(b), (2)(c), (4), and (5) were submitted following the hearing within the required 10-day window. Please find all of these documents attached in the following order:

- (1) Ponsa-Kraus Testimony.
- (2) Letter signed by 47 legal and constitutional scholars supporting the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act of 2021, H.R. 1522, and opposing the Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021, H.R. 2070.
- (3) Ponsa-Kraus, *Political Wine in a Judicial Bottle: Justice Sotomayor’s Surprising Concurrence in Aurelius*, 130 YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 101 (September 21, 2020) (discussing constitutional issues relevant to Puerto Rico’s status debate).
- (4) List of Post-Hearing Submissions & Follow-Up Comment (on Section 6 of H.R. 2070).
- (5) Exchange of letters:
 - a. Letter signed by 47 legal and constitutional scholars supporting the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act of 2021, H.R. 1522, and opposing the Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021, H.R. 2070 (re-submitted with response & reply below).
 - b. Letter from a group of constitutional law professors in Puerto Rico responding to the letter referenced in (5)(a).
 - c. Ponsa-Kraus reply to the letter referenced in (5)(b).
- (6) Ponsa-Kraus, “The Battle Over Puerto Rico’s Future,” *Balkanization* (April 21, 2021) (explaining Puerto Rico’s status debate, and in particular the constitutional issues relevant to H.R. 1522 and H.R. 2070).