WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee and former chairwoman of the Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism Subcommittee, today issued the following statement regarding the shooting death of three teenage boys in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez. Two of the teenagers were U.S. citizens and high school students in El Paso, Texas, authorities said Monday.

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the deaths of three teenagers, two of whom were U.S. citizens, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico this past weekend,” said Rep. Loretta Sanchez. “These horrendous actions by gunmen underscore the need for increased cooperation with our neighbors to the south in combating the threat of this violence spreading into the United States. I hope the individuals responsible for this senseless tragedy are brought to justice swiftly with the cooperation of both U.S. and Mexican officials. My colleagues in Congress and I are committed to working together to end this continued violence.”