

## February 13, 2007: Sanchez Examines Border Vulnerabilities

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Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Chairwoman Loretta Sanchez held the first hearing on "Border Security: Infrastructure, Technology, and the Human Element," in the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism.

The hearing is the first in a series between the Subcommittee and the Department of Homeland Security that will address the challenges our country faces in securing our borders and finding best practices policies that combine infrastructure, technology and personnel resources. Expert testimony included Chief David Aguilar, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Rear Admiral David Pekoske, U.S. Coast Guard.

Sanchez emphasized the crucial need to strengthen and secure our northern, southern and coastal borders by prioritizing and maximizing our existing resources.

"There is non one-size-fits-all solution to secure our borders, and we must keep in mind that we do not have unlimited funding. We need to prioritize and maximize our existing resources," said Sanchez.

Sanchez also underscored the need for Congress to address our country's border security needs to ensure the success of comprehensive immigration reform.

"We have to get this part of the reform right for the rest of it to work," said Sanchez.

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