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REP. SANCHEZ STATEMENT ON
HURRICANE GUSTAV

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Representative Loretta Sanchez, Vice Chair of the Committee on Homeland Security issued the following statement on Hurricane Gustav.

"Over the last few days, federal agencies within the Department of Homeland Security have worked tirelessly to prepare for and respond to Hurricane Gustav and other storms forming in the Atlantic. I am relieved that many of the mistakes made during Hurricane Katrina have not been repeated, and preparations for the landfall of Hurricane Hanna on the Atlantic coast are in place. This time around, FEMA has responded promptly and is directly coordinating with local and state officials. I applaud the Coast Guard's ongoing work to provide waterway and port facility assessments, and the restoration of aids to navigation in the region. Also, support teams with the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System are now in place and prepared to perform rescue operations after the storm has passed.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of the Gulf Coast and Atlantic regions. As Chair of the Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism subcommittee, I am committed to doing all I can to ensure that the federal government continues to prepare and respond to the needs of residents who have and will be affected by these storms, and that storm victims are safe and able to return to their homes and lives as quickly as possible."

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