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California Congresswoman also takes prominent role on full Committee as No. 2 Democrat

WASHINGTON, D.C. &ndash; Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez has been appointed to serve as the Ranking Member of the Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity Subcommittee on the reorganized and newly permanent House Committee on Homeland Security. In addition, she was named as the second ranking Democrat on the Committee.

In addition to conducting relevant oversight, the subcommittee is responsible for the following:

- Development of strategies to protect against terrorist attack against the United States
- Prioritizing risks through analytical tools and cost/benefit analyses
- Prioritizing investment in critical infrastructure protection across all sectors, including transportation (air, land, sea, and intermodal, both domestic and international)
- Defeating terrorist efforts to inflict economic costs through threats and violence
- Mitigation of potential consequences of terrorist attacks on critical infrastructure, and related target hardening strategies
- Border, port, and transportation security
- In the wake of an attack on one sector, ensuring the continuity of other sectors including critical government, business, health, financial, commercial, and social service functions
- Security of computer, telecommunications, information technology, industrial control systems, electronic infrastructure, and data systems
- Protecting government and private networks and computer systems from domestic and foreign attack
- Preventing potential injury to civilian populations and physical infrastructure resulting, directly or indirectly, from cyber attacks
- With respect to each of the foregoing, assessing the impact of potential protective measures on the free flow of commerce and the promotion of economic growth

In addition to her responsibilities as top Democrat on the ESIP&C Subcommittee, Sanchez will serve on the Emergency Preparedness, Science & Technology, and Intelligence, Information Sharing Subcommittee and the Terrorism Risk Assessment Subcommittee. This will be her third year as a member of the committee of oversight for the Department of Homeland Security.