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**Rep. Luján Named to Key Subcommittees**

*Rep. Luján Will Serve on Four Important Subcommittees of Critical Importance to New Mexico's Third District*

Washington, DC -- Rep. Ben Ray Luján has been named to Subcommittees within the two Committees on which he serves. On the Committee on Homeland Security, Rep. Luján will sit on the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection and the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology. On the Committee on Science and Technology, Rep. Luján will sit on the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation and the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment.

"I am honored to be appointed to these important Subcommittees," said Luján. "My experience and the resources in my district will allow me to make an immediate impact on these subcommittees. The institutions in my district, including Los Alamos National Laboratory and Cannon Air Force Base will allow me to bring a unique perspective to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection and the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology. The appointments are particularly significant since emerging threats require innovative technology that Los Alamos National Laboratories develops to keep our country safe. My experience working to expand renewable energy development and address climate issues will help me step into an important role on the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation and the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment."

The Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation handles issues related to technology, standards, innovation, and American competitiveness. It has jurisdiction over the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)-including research, standards-setting, and programs to encourage growth in manufacturing and the high-tech industry; research grants for small businesses; surface transportation research; and the science and technology directorate at the Department at Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment handles issues related to U.S. energy policy

and environmental science. It oversees civilian research and development programs within the Department of Energy-including basic energy research, the national labs, energy technology development and demonstration in the areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, fossil energy, and nuclear energy. It also oversees research at Environmental Protection Agency and research and development programs at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-including climate, weather, and ocean research. Recent issues before the Subcommittee include climate change; solar, geothermal, and vehicle technologies; biofuels development; water efficiency and conservation; the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System weather and climate satellite program.

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology handles issues related to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats; cybersecurity and other emerging threats; and science and technology development to address these threats. Los Alamos National Laboratory is undertaking critical research in these areas.

The Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection handles issues related to aviation, mass transit and rail security; critical infrastructure protection; protection of government assets; and public-private partnerships to secure various sectors and infrastructure.

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