

**SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE**  
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**Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security,  
Migration and International Economic Policy**

**Albio Sires (D-NJ), Chair**

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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN hearing of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy, to be held in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Members who wish to participate remotely may do so via Cisco WebEx. The hearing will be available via live webcast on the Committee website at <https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/>):

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m., EDT

**SUBJECT:** An International Response to Ortega's Destruction of Democracy in Nicaragua

**WITNESSES:** Panel I:

Ms. Emily Mendrala  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

Panel II:

Ms. Berta Valle  
Journalist and Human Rights Defender

Ms. Laura Chinchilla  
*(Former President of Costa Rica)*  
Co-Chair  
The Inter-American Dialogue

Mr. Ryan C. Berg, PhD

Senior Fellow, Americas Program  
Center for Strategic and International Studies

\*NOTE: Witnesses may be added.

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