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(Washington, D.C.) - Tom Lantos, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives named Congressman Albio Sires (NJ-13) Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve in this more prominent role on the subcommittee, and look forward to working towards better improving our policy and relationships with Mexico, Canada, Latin America, and Caribbean nations," said Congressman Sires.

As Vice Chair, Congressman Sires represents the Subcommittee Chairman in his absence. His duties include presiding over hearings, representing the subcommittee at meetings with dignitaries, and managing debates on the House floor.