

# **Wexler to Chair Europe Subcommittee Hearing on Obama Administration Policies in Europe**

(Washington, DC) On Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Congressman Robert Wexler (D-FL), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and a senior member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, will hold a subcommittee hearing to review President Obama's efforts to reinvigorate America's relations with European allies and examine the Administration's transatlantic defence, political, economic and security policies. Testifying at the hearing will be Philip Gordon, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs at the US Department of State.

"This hearing is an important opportunity to review the Obama Administration transatlantic policies and is timely given the strategic challenges facing the U.S. and our European allies, including the global financial crisis, a nuclear Iran, a destabilized Afghanistan and Pakistan, and a resurgent Russia. I am heartened that both President Obama and Secretary Clinton have focused intently on strengthening transatlantic institutions, such as NATO, and are committed to enhancing our partnership with key European partners and the European Union," said Congressman Wexler. "I look forward to Assistant Secretary of State Gordon's testimony, which will shed light on President Obama efforts to strengthen the transatlantic alliance and work with our European allies to pursue common goals and defeat common threats."

The hearing notice is available below:

SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE  
**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

**Subcommittee on Europe**  
Robert Wexler (D-FL), Chairman  
June 9, 2009

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

You are respectfully requested to attend the following OPEN hearing of the Subcommittee on Europe, to be held in Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building:

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 16, 2009

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Strengthening the Transatlantic Alliance: An Overview of the Obama Administration's Policies in Europe

**WITNESS:** The Honorable Philip Gordon  
Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs  
United States Department of State

NOTE: Witnesses may be added

**By Direction of the Chairman**

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