

Opportunity to Address the Senate on 4/20/2022 – Ximena Da Silva Tavares

As a member of EODAC, I have a concern that I would like to bring to the attention of the Senate. EODAC is in the process of updating its charge and I am concerned that the process to create the new charge has not been transparent nor inclusive of all its members. It was brought to my attention by another member of EODAC, that some members of the committee met on Friday 4/8/2022, outside of any scheduled meeting for this committee, to work on the new charge. This deviates from normal procedure because no sub-committee was voted on by EODAC and some members were excluded from this meeting, as there was no communication sent to all members about this special meeting. In the year that I have been serving in EODAC, we have canceled about the same number of meetings as we have held, and I have felt that my voice as a member of that committee has been silenced. While the proposed EODAC charge created at the unofficial committee meeting could well be a good charge, I am asking for *due process*, *transparency*, and *inclusivity* in creating said charge and I am asking the Senate to consider what kind of precedent would be set if the proposed charge is accepted by the Senate without due process from EODAC. Thank you for your time.