

APPENDIX 2: KNOW YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS

As a resident of Puerto Rico, YOU have rights under international human rights law that the government must respect, protect, and guarantee.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PROTECTED RIGHTS?	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCESS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION	<p>When Culebra and Vieques residents do not have reliable access to public transportation due to their status as island residents, this right has been violated.</p> <p>Example of a violation of this right: Tourists and visitors get preferential treatment over island residents when purchasing tickets.</p>
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCESS MEDICAL CARE	<p>When residents do not have access to hospitals, doctors, clinics, specialized medicine, and other healthcare services because the maritime transportation system is inadequate, this right has been violated.</p> <p>Example of a violation of this right: Island residents often miss doctors' appointments due to ferry delays.</p>
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<p>When the availability of work is limited and the economy is weakened due to the inadequacy of the maritime transportation system, this right has been violated.</p> <p>Example of a violation of this right: Businesses often fail to receive shipments of goods to sell.</p>
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO EDUCATION	<p>When residents do not have access to primary, secondary, professional, and technical education institutions because the maritime transportation system is inadequate, this right has been violated.</p> <p>Example of a violation of this right: Children often lack access to qualified teachers on the islands, and university students often miss classes on the main island.</p>
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR RESIDENCE	<p>You have the right to live in Culebra or Vieques, if you so choose. Any proposed solution to the maritime transportation system problem that suggests island residents move to the mainland is not compatible with international human rights standards.</p> <p>Example of a violation of this right: Island residents are often told they should move to the main land if they want to enjoy these human rights.</p>