



# Chairman Tom Cole

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Opening Statement As Prepared**

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Good morning. It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education for our first hearing of the year. We are looking forward to taking testimony from Members of Congress this morning. This sort of “Member Day” has not been held on this Subcommittee in at least a decade. The idea to return to this practice is one that was suggested by our new full committee chairman, Rodney Frelinghuysen, and frankly I think it is a good one.

This is an opportunity for any Member of Congress to come before this panel and draw our attention to particular issues of importance in both their districts as well as across our Nation. I look forward to hearing from my colleagues about the challenges they see and how this Subcommittee can help address them.

As a reminder to everyone, we will abide by the 5 minute rule so that we will be able to keep closely to the schedule we outlined for Members. Before we begin, I’d like to turn to my Ranking Member for any remarks she’d care to make.

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