

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Financial Services

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

DATE: March 10, 2026

SUBJECT: March 13, 2026, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations Field Hearing: “Broken Promises: Failures of the Little Rock Housing Authority and the Impact on Residents.”

On Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. CDT, the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations will hold a field hearing in the Fred Darragh Center for Intellectual Freedom at the Central Arkansas Library Main Campus, titled “Broken Promises: Failures of the Little Rock Housing Authority and the Impact on Residents.” The following witnesses will testify:

- **Ms. Joan Adcock**, Director, Board of Directors, City of Little Rock
- **Mr. Kerry Wright**, Commissioner, Little Rock Housing Commission, City of Little Rock
- **Dr. Nadine Jarmon**, Executive Director, Metropolitan Housing Alliance
- **Ms. Amanda Wentz**, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Arkansas

The Little Rock Housing Authority, which operates as the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA), is responsible for administering the public and subsidized housing in Little Rock, Arkansas. Despite receiving approximately \$12 million in annual federal funding to administer public and subsidized housing programs, MHA failed to effectively manage its finances over the past decade to the detriment of its residents.

After years of financial mismanagement and inadequate financial auditing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designated MHA as a troubled public housing agency (PHA) in 2022. New leadership has since been installed at MHA and progress is being made to restore trust in the PHA, but strong oversight is needed to ensure progress continues. This hearing will analyze how MHA’s prior leadership mismanaged the organization and highlight changes that are required to ensure residents are being provided safe and sanitary housing. The hearing follows the Subcommittee’s February 2026 hearing titled “Building a Solid Foundation: Restoring Trust and Transparency in Public Housing Agencies,” at which members heard from industry experts on best practices on management and accountability of PHAs.