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MEMORANDUM

June 21, 2024

To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party’s Political Warfare, Part II”

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee will host a hearing titled “Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party’s Political Warfare, Part II.”

I. BACKGROUND:

For decades, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has sought to infiltrate and influence every sector and community in the United States. The CCP is waging political warfare to weaken America and advance the destructive ambitions of the People’s Republic of China (PRC). Federal agencies have important responsibilities to combat the CCP’s non-kinetic warfare and protect American communities that have been targeted. To do so, agencies must recognize and address the CCP’s nefarious influence operations.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This is the second hearing in the Committee’s government-wide investigation into CCP political warfare. This hearing will delve deeper into CCP influence and infiltration into specific sectors within the U.S., including within the business community, federal agencies, and international institutions. The hearing will explore how federal agencies can protect these communities and entities from CCP tactics and counter political warfare operations.

III. WITNESSES:

The Honorable Erik Bethel
Former U.S. Executive Director
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James E. Fanell, CAPT USN (Ret.)
Former Director of Intelligence and Information Operations for the U.S. Pacific Fleet
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