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**MEMORANDUM**

September 16, 2024

**To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Accountability**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “A Legacy of Incompetence: Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Policy Failures”**

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, the Full Committee on Oversight and Accountability will hold a hearing titled “A Legacy of Incompetence: Consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Policy Failures.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Immediately upon taking office on January 20, 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration began putting into place policies—through executive orders, rulemaking, and subregulatory guidance—that have had far-reaching consequences for the economy, the rule of law, and national security. Billions of dollars in spending—for example on projects intended to expand internet access or install infrastructure for electric vehicles—have not achieved real-world results or contributed to high levels of inflation. The Administration has also witnessed a border crisis of historic proportions, fueled by policy choices made early on in the Administration. And foreign adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party, Iran, and Russia continue to exploit real or perceived weaknesses in U.S. leadership while elevating their influence around the globe.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

The hearing will examine policy choices made by the Biden-Harris Administration and how those policy choices may have exacerbated the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement of federal government programs and operations and led to negative consequences for Americans.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**The Honorable Brendan Carr**  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission

**Mark Krikorian**  
Executive Director  
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**Meaghan Mobbs**  
Director, Center for American Safety and Security  
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