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MEMORANDUM

September 19, 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 III”

On **Tuesday, September 24, 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 III.”

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.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This is the third hearing in the Committee’s government-wide investigation into CCP political warfare and the response from federal agencies. The hearing will delve into how federal agencies should secure America from CCP political warfare, infiltration, and influence operations. The hearing will also focus on how federal agencies can strengthen the homeland in the face of CCP unrestricted warfare.

III. WITNESSES:

Robert D. Atkinson

President

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

The Honorable Joseph Cella

Former U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu

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