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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Joint hearing titled “Combating Ransomware Attacks”

On **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a joint hearing titled “Combating Ransomware Attacks.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Ransomware is malicious software designed to deny a user or organization access to computer files or systems. Sponsors of ransomware attacks offer to restore access upon payment of a ransom. They may also seek ransom in return for not publicly releasing sensitive data stolen from victims.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the sources and the costs of ransomware attacks.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Grant Schneider

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Dr. Lacey Gosch

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