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### MEMORANDUM

February 21, 2020

**To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Karshi-Khanabad: Hazardous Exposures and Effects on U.S. Servicemembers”**

On **Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee will hold a hearing on how potential contamination and hazards affected U.S. servicemembers who were deployed to Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base in Uzbekistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

#### I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the potential occupational health hazards experienced by U.S. servicemembers who deployed to K2 in Uzbekistan between late 2001 and 2005 as part of the U.S. response to the September 11, 2001 attacks. The hearing will also examine the ongoing health concerns of veterans who were deployed to K2 and their interactions with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA).

#### II. WITNESSES

**Paul B. Widener, Jr.**

K2 Veteran

Retired Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force

**Kim E. Brooks**

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**Scott W. Welsch**

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