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**MEMORANDUM**

March 23, 2023

**To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs**

**From: Subcommittee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Ensuring Force Readiness: Examining Progressivism’s Impact on An All-Volunteer Military.”**

On **Tuesday March 28, 2023, at 2:00 PM EDT in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing on “Ensuring Force Readiness: Examining Progressivism’s Impact on An All-Volunteer Military.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Defense has fallen short of soldier recruitment goals causing the military to adopt several policy changes and relax standards intended to ensure military readiness. The decline in military readiness has led to gaps in our national security.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine how missed recruitment goals and the politicization of the military impacts national security.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Brent Sadler**  
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Center for National Defense  
The Heritage Foundation

**Jeremy Hunt**  
Media Fellow  
The Hudson Institute

**Meaghan Mobbs**  
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