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MEMORANDUM

October 20, 2023

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Faith Under Fire: An Examination of Global Religious Persecution”

On **Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing titled “Faith Under Fire: An Examination of Global Religious Persecution.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Far too many people globally are persecuted or oppressed because of their faith. Several countries that present national security concerns to the United States also oppress religious minorities. Theocratic governments oppress women and girls in the name of religion. The United States provides assistance to the United Nations and other organizations intended to help those oppressed for their faith. Yet there is little monitoring and evaluation after funds have been dispersed to ensure they are being effectively used for their intended purposes.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the Administration’s oversight of assistance to organizations promoting religious freedom for oppressed religious minorities and others persecuted for their faith. This hearing will also examine how global religious persecution presents national security concerns for the United States and its allies.

III. WITNESSES:

David Curry
President and CEO
Global Christian Relief

Eric Patterson
President
Religious Freedom Institute

Meaghan Mobbs
Senior Fellow
Independent Women’s Forum