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**MEMORANDUM**

January 8, 2024

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

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “The Risks of Progressive Ideologies in the U.S. Military”**

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing titled “The Risks of Progressive Ideologies in the U.S. Military.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

In June 2021, President Biden issued an executive order directing all federal agencies to develop diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategic plans to advance the Administration’s equity initiatives. The Department of Defense (DoD) has spent millions of dollars on DEI initiatives including new programs and staff. The Fiscal Year 2024 President’s Budget request included \$114.7 million for diversity and inclusion initiatives. \$86.5 million was spent by DoD on such initiatives in Fiscal Year 2023.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine DoD priorities that focus on DEI initiatives, and their impact on military readiness.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Will Thibeau**  
Director  
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**Matthew Lohmeier**  
Space Force Veteran, Author