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MEMORANDUM

June 7, 2024

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Addressing Oversight and Safety Concerns in the Department of Defense’s V-22 Osprey Program”

On **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 10:30 AM ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing titled “Addressing Oversight and Safety Concerns in the Department of Defense’s V-22 Osprey Program”

I. BACKGROUND:

The V-22 Osprey has proven to be an invaluable tool in the Department of Defense’s (DoD) airlift arsenal. However, since the V-22’s introduction in 1992, there have been over a dozen Osprey crashes that have resulted in the deaths of over 50 U.S. servicemembers. With a lifecycle cost of nearly \$140 billion, Congress must ensure that DoD is not only utilizing taxpayer funds effectively, but also safeguarding the lives of the servicemembers that operate the V-22 through effective oversight and maintenance.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine how DoD conducts oversight, crash investigations, and maintenance of the V-22 Osprey program.

III. WITNESSES:

Vice Admiral Carl Chebi

Commander

U.S. Naval Air Systems Command

U.S. Department of Defense

Mr. Peter Belk

Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness

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