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MEMORANDUM

June 6, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Clearing the Path: Reforming Procurement to Accelerate Defense Innovation”

On **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center**, the Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing titled “Clearing the Path: Reforming Procurement to Accelerate Defense Innovation.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Government procurement has long posed formidable hurdles for companies seeking to conduct business with the U.S. government, especially with the U.S. Department of Defense. Modernizing the defense procurement and acquisition process is a necessary and overdue step in bolstering U.S. national security.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine barriers to defense procurement and how Congress can modernize defense innovation and U.S. national security.

III. WITNESSES:

Ms. Margaret Boatner

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Mr. Eric Snelgrove

Senior Fellow
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Ms. Shelby Oakley

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