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MEMORANDUM

February 26, 2024

To: Members, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Made in China: Is GSA Complying with Purchasing Restrictions?”

On **Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation will host a hearing titled “Made in China: Is GSA Complying with Purchasing Restrictions?”

I. BACKGROUND:

On January 23, 2024, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the General Services Administration (GSA) issued an audit report of GSA’s purchase in 2022 of 150 videoconference cameras manufactured in the People’s Republic of China (PRC). The report concluded that the purchase violated the Trade Agreements Act (TAA) of 1979 which requires the federal government to only purchase goods (above a minimum value threshold) that are manufactured in the U.S. or another TAA-designated country—unless no TAA-compliant alternative product exists. The PRC is not a TAA-designated country.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

The hearing will review the GSA OIG’s audit as part of a broader examination of GSA’s compliance with federal contracting laws, regulations, and policies, designed to safeguard information technology (IT) purchases.

III. WITNESSES:

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