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MEMORANDUM

March 7, 2024

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Addressing Real Harm Done by Deepfakes”

On Tuesday, March 12, 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 “Addressing Real Harm Done by Deepfakes.”

I. BACKGROUND:

It has become much easier for individuals to create and disseminate fake images, video and audio that appear authentic, thanks to recent advances in generative artificial intelligence. These “deepfakes” can be deployed in a manner that causes harm to individuals, including through the creation and distribution of non-consensual intimate images of women, and of child sexual abuse material (CSAM).

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

The hearing will examine how these sorts of malicious deepfakes are being used to target women and children. It will also examine ways to mitigate this type of harm, through law enforcement, voluntary efforts, and the updating of laws that may not adequately address harm resulting from sexual material altered through a deepfake process.

III. WITNESSES:

Mrs. Dorota Mani

Parent of Westfield (NJ) High School Student

Mr. Carl Szabo

Vice President & General Counsel
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Mr. John Shehan

Sr. Vice President, Exploited Children Division & International Engagement
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