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MEMORANDUM

February 3, 2025

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Transgender Lab Rats and Poisoned Puppies: Oversight of Taxpayer Funded Animal Cruelty”

On **Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 2 p.m. ET in 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation will host a hearing titled “Transgender Lab Rats and Poisoned Puppies: Oversight of Taxpayer Funded Animal Cruelty.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The Federal Government spends billions of dollars every year supporting animal experiments. Non-animal testing alternatives can more accurately model human biology. Federal agencies should work to replace, reduce, and refine animal testing and reallocate the taxpayer dollars spent on such experiments toward proven, human-relevant innovative alternatives.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine wasteful and cruel research conducted on animals and paid for by taxpayer dollars

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Justin Goodman

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