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**MEMORANDUM**

**May 01, 2019**

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Fr: Majority Staff**

**Re: Field Hearing on “Government Shutdowns: Contract Killers”**

On **Monday, May 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1201 of Merten Hall at George Mason University**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will hold a field hearing on the effects of government shutdowns on federal contractors.

**I. HEARING PURPOSE**

Since Fiscal Year 1977, there have been 20 gaps in appropriated funding for the federal government. The recent partial government shutdown, starting on December 22, 2018, and ending on January 25, 2019, was the longest in United States history, affecting some or all operations of nine federal agencies.

According to the Congressional Research Service, “during a lapse in funding, the Antideficiency Act significantly limits an affected agency’s ability to solicit and award new contracts, to obligate new funds to existing contracts, and to perform essential contract administration functions.”<sup>1</sup>

Depending on the contract terms, the length of a lapse in funding, and an agency’s internal contingency plans, the impacts on individual contractor employees could range from no effect to a temporary furlough without pay, or even being laid off.

The hearing will examine the impacts of government shutdowns on businesses that receive federal contracts and individuals who work for those businesses. The hearing will also discuss administrative and legislative remedies that would help address the hardships faced by contractors due to a lapse in government funding.

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<sup>1</sup> Congressional Research Service, *How a Government Shutdown Affects Government Contracts* (Jan. 2019) (online at [www.crs.gov/Reports/pdf/LSB10243?source=search&guid=bb7c22e239644e5495c84f5d6dfc92d8&index=11](http://www.crs.gov/Reports/pdf/LSB10243?source=search&guid=bb7c22e239644e5495c84f5d6dfc92d8&index=11)).

## II. WITNESSES

### Panel One

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