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MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2023

To: Members of the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce

From: Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Go Viral: Inspectors General on Curing the Disease”

On **Thursday March 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM EST in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce will host a hearing on “Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Go Viral: Inspectors General on Curing the Disease.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Between March 2020 and March 2021, Congress enacted a series of six laws providing over \$4.6 trillion in Federal funds to mitigate the economic and public health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the beginning of the COVID-19 response, there were concerns the trillions in relief were vulnerable to fraud and improper payments. It is now three years since the first of these laws was enacted, and the investigations and audits performed by inspectors general (IGs) are providing further insight into the underlying causes of waste, fraud, and abuse in COVID-relief programs. IGs can also inform the Subcommittee on agency efforts to better protect taxpayer funds, to include progress in implementing IG recommendations.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine waste, fraud, abuse, and improper payments in pandemic relief programs.

III. WITNESSES:

- 1. Richard Delmar**
Acting Inspector General
U.S. Department of the Treasury
- 2. Sheldon Shoemaker**
Deputy Inspector General
U.S. Small Business Administration

3. Larry D. Turner
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Labor