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MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2024

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “What We Have Here...Is a Failure to Collaborate: Review of GAO’s Annual Duplication Report”

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce will host a hearing titled “What We Have Here...Is a Failure to Collaborate: Review of GAO’s Annual Duplication Report.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On May 15, 2024, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued its fourteenth annual report on opportunities to streamline efforts in federal programs to achieve billions of dollars in financial benefits. Since the first report in 2011, GAO has made over 2,000 recommendations to agencies or referred related matters to Congress to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in the federal government and achieve financial benefits via cost savings and enhanced revenue collection. Efforts to address recommendations and matters identified by GAO in the reports have resulted in \$667.5 billion dollars in financial benefits, with \$71.3 billion identified as new savings in the past year.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the effectiveness of agencies’ efforts to prevent waste and realize billions in cost savings for taxpayers through discussion of new findings from GAO’s annual duplication report.

III. WITNESS:

Ms. Jessica Lucas-Judy
Director, Strategic Issues
U.S. Government Accountability Office