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MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Government Operations

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Shifting Gears: Moving from Recovery to Prevention of Improper Payments and Fraud”

On **Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET in 2247 Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will host a hearing titled “Shifting Gears: Moving from Recovery to Prevention of Improper Payments and Fraud.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Fraud and improper payments are long-standing, persistent problems within the federal government. The Government Accountability Office reported that since 2003, \$2.7 trillion was lost to improper payments and according to an April 2024 estimate, approximately \$233 billion to \$521 billion annually is lost due to fraud.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine strategies to shift federal programs’ approach to preventing fraud and improper payments before they happen. Additionally, this hearing will discuss opportunities and challenges with data sharing to prevent fraud.

III. WITNESSES:

Kristen Kociolek

Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance
U.S. Government Accountability Office

Ken Dieffenbach

Executive Director
Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

Jennifer Wagner (*Minority Witness*)

Director of Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment
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