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MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2026

To: Members, Subcommittee on Government Operations

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Fraud Prevention: Understanding Fraud in Federally Funded Programs Run by the States”

On **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will host a hearing titled “Fraud Prevention: Understanding Fraud in Federally Funded Programs Run by the States.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The federal government loses up to \$521 billion to fraud annually, and significant fraud risks exist in programs that are federally funded and administered by state agencies, including Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, unemployment insurance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. These programs face unique fraud challenges because of how they operate and are administered. Program integrity issues like fraud impede the government’s ability to achieve cost savings, erode public trust, and hinder agencies’ ability to execute programs effectively and efficiently.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine why federally funded programs that are run by the states have experienced significant levels of fraud and why federal and state agencies have been unable or unwilling to effectively prevent and address it. Specifically, the hearing will identify why states are not incentivized to oversee their programs, examine the challenges that state agencies and officials face using existing anti-fraud tools and capabilities, and highlight administrative and legislative roadblocks.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Seto Bagdoyan

Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service
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Dr. O.J. Oleka

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Ms. Allison Ball

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