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MEMORANDUM

May 19, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “A Failure of Supervision: Bank Failures and The San Francisco Federal Reserve”

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services will host a hearing on “A Failure of Supervision: Bank Failures and The San Francisco Federal Reserve.”

I. BACKGROUND:

On March 10, 2023, Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) was closed by federal regulators after a run on the bank resulting in the second largest bank failure in U.S. history. The Federal Reserve System Board of Governors recently issued a review of its supervision of SVB, finding that federal “supervisors did not fully appreciate the extent of the vulnerabilities as Silicon Valley Bank grew in size and complexity” and “did not take sufficient steps” to ensure that the bank addressed identified risk vulnerabilities.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

The hearing will examine the Federal Reserve’s oversight of bank risk-management amid the recent failure of SVB and other banks.

III. WITNESSES:

1. Mr. Jeremy Newell

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2. Mr. Michael E. Clements

Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment
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