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**MEMORANDUM**

November 30, 2023

**To: Members, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “The Importance of Protecting Female Athletics and Title IX”**

On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services will host a hearing titled “The Importance of Protecting Female Athletics and Title IX.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Congress passed Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibiting discrimination based on sex in “any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” In the last 50 years, Title IX has drastically improved women’s access to athletic and academic opportunities. The Biden Administration intends to reinterpret the use of the word “sex” in Title IX to include “gender identity” in its implementing regulations.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine the Biden Administration’s proposed rules related to Title IX.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Riley Gaines**

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Former University of Kentucky Collegiate Athlete

**Sarah Parshall Perry**

Senior Legal Fellow, Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies  
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