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MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Examining the Growth of the Welfare State, Part I”

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. ET in 2247 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services will host a hearing titled “Examining the Growth of the Welfare State, Part I.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Annually, the federal government spends more than \$1.2 trillion on more than 80 welfare programs.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the causes of growth in federal welfare programs and opportunities to realign incentives to benefit the American people.

III. WITNESSES:

Robert Rector

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Patrice Onwuka

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