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MEMORANDUM

May 2, 2025

To: Members, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services

From: Committee Staff

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

On Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room 2247 of the 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 II.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Annually, the federal government spends more than \$1.2 trillion on more than 80 welfare programs, including housing assistance 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:

The Honorable Ben Carson, M.D.

Former Secretary

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Mr. Chris Edwards

Kilts Family Chair in Fiscal Studies

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Mr. Howard Husock

Senior Fellow, Domestic Policy Studies

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