

**Opening Statement**  
**Ranking Member Jamie Raskin**  
**Oversight Committee Budget Request for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
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Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, and Members of the Committee, thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before you today regarding the Committee on Oversight and Accountability's budget submission for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Since the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, I have served on the Oversight Committee, which has the broadest jurisdiction and most important mandate in the House of Representatives—to ensure a transparent government that is accountable to the American people.

Accordingly, we are seeking a combined \$29,923,637 for the Oversight Committee in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. This represents a modest increase in the Oversight Committee's budget of 2.5%, without adjusting for inflation. I am pleased to report that Chairman Comer and I have reached an agreement regarding the allocation of the Committee's funding between the Majority and Minority, with the Committee Minority being allocated 1/3 of the budget and the Committee Majority being allocated 2/3 of the budget, as has been customary practice.

The work of the Oversight Committee is unique, and our jurisdiction is broad. As the primary investigative committee of the House of Representatives, we are tasked with conducting robust and responsible oversight of the entire federal government.

The role of the Oversight Committee to ensure that our government, and the laws that we make, are working effectively, efficiently and equitably for the American people. In order to fulfill our mission, we need to recruit and retain experienced staff, with a diverse set of skills and expertise. This Committee has the hardest-working staff on Capitol Hill. Our staff is passionate about public service and dedicated to delivering meaningful results for the American people.

Our work is designed to uncover the truth, promote accountability, and ultimately, ensure an effective and efficient government that delivers meaningful results to the people we serve. The budget that we have proposed – and our agreed upon allocation of funding between the Minority and Majority – will enable us to conduct the essential oversight work of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I stand ready to answer any questions that you may have.