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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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MEMORANDUM

July 22, 2020

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Oversight of Pandemic Evictions: Assessing Abuses by Corporate Landlords and Federal Efforts to Keep Americans in Their Homes”

On **Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. ET** the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hearing concerning evictions during the course of the pandemic, particularly by large corporate landlords, and best practices for state and local programs administering federal rental assistance funds to help prevent an eviction crisis.

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using Zoom, which has been approved by the House, at the discretion of the Chairman, the witnesses, and other Members.

Participants appearing in person will be required to adhere to the current [Attending Physician’s Guidelines](#), which provide for “discretionary mask wear among vaccinated individuals and required mask wear by non-fully-vaccinated individuals.”

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 10:00 a.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

The hearing will examine evictions during the pandemic, including by certain large corporate landlords who have moved to evict tenants despite the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium and the availability of rental assistance. The hearing will also address federal efforts to aid struggling renters affected by the pandemic including through the CDC eviction moratorium and over \$46 billion in emergency rental assistance funds provided by Congress, as well as federal actions to encourage state and local governments to adopt best practices in distributing federal rental assistance funds and preventing evictions.

II. WITNESSES

Jim Baker

Executive Director
Private Equity Stakeholder Project (PESP)

Katrina Chism

Affected Renter, Georgia

Diane Yentel

President & CEO
National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC)

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