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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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UPDATED MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2022

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “COVID Child Care Challenges: Supporting Families and Caregivers”

On **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET** the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hearing to examine the coronavirus pandemic’s impacts on child care providers and the resulting impacts on families and the labor force.

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.

In light of current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of Attending Physician (OAP), use of masks by Members and staff in the hearing room is optional. Individuals wearing masks should wear properly fitted, medical-grade, filtration face masks (KN95 or N95 masks). Wearing a mask is a very effective personal protective measure to reduce the risk of infection, and Members and staff should consult CDC and OAP guidance regarding individual mask usage. Members and staff with coronavirus symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with the coronavirus should participate in hearings remotely.

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 1:30 p.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 the declines in child care employment and capacity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, the relief funding provided for child care to date, and the need for further investments in child care and support for families.

II. WITNESSES

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