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MEMORANDUM

December 9, 2022

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Select Subcommittee Business Meeting

On <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 14</u>, <u>2022</u>, <u>at 3:30 p.m. E.T.</u>, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, will hold a hybrid business meeting to consider the following:

1. Report on "Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from the Coronavirus Crisis"

I. REPORT ON "PREPARING FOR AND PREVENTING THE NEXT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: LESSONS LEARNED FORM THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

A. Summary

H. Res. 935 (116th Cong.), extended in relevant part by H. Res. 8 (117th Cong.), authorized and directed the Select Subcommittee to conduct a full and complete investigation and study and issue a final report to the House of its findings regarding the following:

- (1) the efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and transparency of the use of taxpayer funds and relief programs to address the coronavirus crisis, including through Federal agencies, State and local government entities, financial institutions and other private businesses, contracts, grants, loans, loan guarantees, investments, cooperative agreements, or any other means;
- (2) reports of waste, fraud, abuse, price gouging, profiteering, or other abusive practices related to the coronavirus crisis;
- (3) the implementation or effectiveness of any Federal law applied, enacted, or under consideration to address the coronavirus crisis and prepare for future pandemics;
- (4) preparedness for and response to the coronavirus crisis, including the planning for and implementation of testing, containment, mitigation, and surveillance activities; the acquisition, distribution, or stockpiling of protective equipment and medical supplies; and the development of vaccines and treatments;

- (5) the economic impact of the coronavirus crisis on individuals, communities, small businesses, health care providers, States, and local government entities;
- (6) any disparate impacts of the coronavirus crisis on different communities and populations, including with respect to race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and geographic region, and any measures taken to address such disparate impacts;
- (7) executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus crisis;
- (8) the protection of whistleblowers who provide information about waste, fraud, abuse, or other improper activities related to the coronavirus crisis:
- (9) cooperation by the executive branch and others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and others in connection with oversight of the preparedness for and response to the coronavirus crisis; and
- (10) any other issues related to the coronavirus crisis.

The Report on "Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from the Coronavirus Crisis" reflects key findings from the Select Subcommittee's investigations into these topics.

B. <u>Amendments</u>

The Chairman will offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS).

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C. AMENDMENT PROCESS

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel to SSCC_Clerks@mail.house.gov and to Yusra.Abdelmeguid@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

- 1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
- 2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
- 3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
- 4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.