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**House of Representatives**

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**MEMORANDUM**

June 15, 2023

**To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic**

**From: Select Subcommittee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Churches vs. Casinos: The Constitution is not Suspended in Times of Crisis”**

On **Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “Churches vs. Casinos: The Constitution is not Suspended in Times of Crisis.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Beginning in March 2020, federal, state, and local governments and agencies rushed to respond to the novel coronavirus, implementing measures such as stay-at-home orders, mask mandates, and travel restrictions. Initially, many of these actions appeared reasonable given the circumstance as we understood it at the time. However, as more information related to COVID-19 became available, many of these measures became seemingly arbitrary or unnecessary.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing is to examine the constitutionality of federal, state, and local government actions in responding to COVID-19.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**The Honorable Andrew Bailey**  
Attorney General  
State of Missouri

**The Honorable Elizabeth Murrill**  
Solicitor General  
State of Louisiana

**Mr. Misha Tseytlin**  
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