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MEMORANDUM

March 18, 2024

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

From: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Assessing America’s Vaccine Safety Systems, Part 2”

On **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “Assessing America’s Vaccine Safety Systems, Part 2.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Federal health agencies have a complex array of interwoven vaccine safety surveillance systems, one of the most well-known being the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The government also has two systems for adjudicating and compensating vaccine related injuries – the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP) and Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). The expert witnesses will inform Members regarding these systems’ capabilities and limitations.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the federal government’s post-marketing surveillance of COVID-19 vaccine safety, and its process for adjudicating claims for compensation.

III. WITNESS:

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Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
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**Additional witnesses to be announced*