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House of Representatives

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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MEMORANDUM

November 8, 2024

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

From: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Lessons Learned and The Path Forward”

On **Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 11:30 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Lessons Learned and The Path Forward.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed weaknesses of the U.S. public health system, revealing crucial gaps in readiness, coordination, and trust between the government and public. The overall response from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the National Institute of Health (NIH) revealed substantial issues within these agencies, including communication failures and overly broad mandates that impacted millions of American citizens.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the federal government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including lessons learned to prevent future pandemics.

III. WITNESS:

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