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Good Morning. It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education for Members Day. We are looking forward to taking testimony from Members of Congress this morning. Last year, after being away from the practice for many years, our full Committee Chairman, Rodney Frelinghuysen suggested we return to this time honored practice of having an annual “Members Day”, and frankly I couldn’t agree more with the idea.

This is an opportunity for any Member of Congress to come before this panel and draw our attention to particular issues of importance in both their districts as well as across our Nation. I look forward to hearing from my colleagues about the challenges they see and how this Subcommittee can help address them.

We will operate under the five minute rule today but since we have such a small panel I’m not going to be a stickler with the time. Before we begin, I’d like to turn to my Ranking Member for any remarks she’d care to make.

I’d like to now recognize our first witness, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. Welcome.

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