AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Pursuant to clause 2(d) of Rule X of the House of Representatives, the following agenda constitutes the authorization and oversight plan of the Committee on Financial Services for the 119th Congress. It identifies areas in which the Committee and its subcommittees intend to conduct oversight during this Congress; it does not preclude oversight or investigation of additional matters or programs. The Committee will consult, as appropriate, with other committees of the House that may share jurisdiction on any of the subjects listed below.

OVERSIGHT PLAN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financial Supervision and Regulation. The Committee will conduct oversight of the federal financial regulators' supervision and examination of the banking, credit union, and thrift industries, with the goal of ensuring regulators are able to define, identify, and promptly address safety and soundness deficiencies, systemic risks, or other structural weaknesses in the financial sector. The Committee will also conduct oversight of any misuse of regulatory or supervisory authority to debank individuals or businesses, such as under Operation Choke Point. In addition, the Committee will explore the closely related issues of bank capital and liquidity regulation, including the guidelines developed by the international Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and how domestic financial regulators implement those guidelines in the United States.

Community Financial Institutions. The Committee will review issues related to the health, growth, safety, and soundness of community financial institutions, and the vital role they play in lending to households and small businesses, fostering employment, and promoting economic growth. This will include examining the effect of regulations promulgated pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, individually and cumulatively, on community financial institutions.

Deposit Insurance. The Committee will monitor the operations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and the scope and solvency of their respective deposit insurance funds.

Regulatory Burden Reduction. The Committee will continue to review the current regulatory burden on financial institutions, particularly community financial institutions, with the goal of reducing unnecessary, duplicative, or overly burdensome regulations together with ensuring the safety and soundness of financial institutions.

Consumer Protection and Financial Education. The Committee will oversee the regulatory, supervisory, enforcement, and other activities of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the effect of those activities on regulated entities and consumers, and the CFPB's collaboration with other financial regulators. The Committee will also examine the governance structure and funding mechanism of the CFPB in light of recent Supreme Court decisions.

Access to Financial Services. The Committee will examine ways to expand access to mainstream financial services among traditionally underserved segments of the U.S. population. This will include issues related to credit reporting and the effectiveness of regulators' fair lending oversight and enforcement efforts.

Mortgage Credit. The Committee will closely review actions by the CFPB and other agencies on mortgage-related issues to determine the impact CFPB's rules have on the cost and availability of mortgage credit for American homeowners.

Improper Disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information. The Committee will evaluate best practices for protecting the security and confidentiality of personally identifiable financial information from loss, unauthorized access, or misuse. The Committee will also examine how data breaches are disclosed to consumers.

Payments Systems. The Committee will examine policies that impact money transmission and payments industry practices.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. The Committee will monitor the operations of the CDFI Fund.

Community Reinvestment Act. The Committee will monitor the implementation of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977.

Financial Literacy. The Committee will review efforts to promote greater financial literacy among consumers and the general public.

Financial Stability Oversight. The Committee will review the operations, activities, and initiatives of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) and the Office of Financial Research (OFR).

CAPITAL MARKETS

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Committee will monitor all aspects of the SEC including its operations, activities, and initiatives to ensure that it fulfills its statutory mandate to protect investors; maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and facilitate capital formation.

 The JOBS Act. The Committee will conduct oversight of the SEC's administration of the "Jumpstart Our Business Startups" or "JOBS" Act (P.L. 112-106) and the effect of the law on capital formation and investor protection. The Committee will also explore how to strengthen the JOBS Act to expand access to capital.

Credit Rating Agencies. The Committee will examine the role that credit rating agencies, also known as Nationally Recognized Statistical Ratings Organizations (NRSROs), play in the U.S. capital markets and review the effectiveness of the SEC's regulation and oversight of NRSROs.

Regulation and Oversight of Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers. The Committee will review the SEC's regulation and oversight of broker-dealers and investment advisers.

Self-Regulatory Organizations (SROs). The Committee will examine the activities, operations, and initiatives of SROs, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), and the SEC's oversight of these SROs.

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). The Committee will review the operations, initiatives, and activities of the PCAOB.

Market Structure. The Committee will review recent developments in the U.S. equity and option markets, American corporate and municipal bond markets, and the SEC's response to those developments.

Corporate Governance. The Committee will review developments and issues concerning corporate governance at public companies and the SEC's proposals that seek to modernize corporate governance practices.

Asset Managers. The Committee will continue to examine the SEC's regulation and oversight of asset managers and investment companies including their impact on capital formation and investor protection.

Advisers to Private Funds. The Committee will examine the functions undertaken by advisers to private funds in the U.S. financial marketplace and their interaction with investors, financial intermediaries, and public companies.

Accounting Standard-Setters. The Committee will review the operations, initiatives, and activities of the following accounting standard-setters: Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In addition, the Committee will review efforts by the SEC, FASB, and the International Accounting Standards Board to achieve robust, uniform international accounting standards.

Securities Litigation and Arbitration. The Committee will examine the effectiveness of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 in protecting securities issuers from frivolous lawsuits while preserving the ability of investors to pursue legitimate actions. The Committee will examine developments in securities arbitration, including the impact of the arbitration-related provisions contained in Section 921 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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Federal Programs and Housing Affordability. The Committee will conduct oversight of the mission, operations, and budgets of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Housing Service (RHS), with the goal of modernizing outdated programs and encouraging greater affordability efforts. This includes: (1) investigating affordability and availability challenges, particularly the effect that local

regulations and barriers to development have on housing; (2) monitoring the operations of the current public housing agency (PHA) system to ensure units are maintained in decent, safe, and sanitary condition and that no person is subject to illegal discrimination in housing practices; and (3) conducting ongoing oversight of federal rental assistance, Public Housing, homelessness, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) block grant, and other housing programs.

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Housing Finance and the Secondary Mortgage Market. The Committee will examine the role of the federal government in our housing finance system and review opportunities to encourage robust private sector participation in the secondary mortgage market. This includes examining proposals affecting the operations of Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and their ongoing conservatorships; monitoring the status of the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) system; and reviewing the role private mortgage insurance plays in increasing consumer choice and protection. The Committee will also conduct oversight of the status and activities of the federal housing finance agencies, including the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae).

INSURANCE

McCarran–Ferguson Act and Insurance Affordability and Availability. The Committee will uphold the primacy of the McCarran-Ferguson Act and its principle of state-based regulatory authority over insurance except where federal law expressly provides otherwise. This includes monitoring the developments affecting the affordability and availability of insurance to consumers at the state level, the impacts of natural disasters and other weather-related phenomena, the benefits of expanded use of reinsurance, and the ongoing actions of the Treasury Department's Federal Insurance Office (FIO).

 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Committee will conduct oversight of the NFIP, the authorization of which is currently set to expire on March 14, 2025, including proposals to increase the participation of the private sector in the flood insurance market.

MONETARY POLICY

The Federal Reserve System. The Committee will oversee the operations and activities of the Federal Reserve System including its conduct of monetary policy, its regulation and supervision of the financial services sector, its role in the payment system, and its susceptibility to cybersecurity threats and other security risks.

NATIONAL SECURITY, ILLICIT FINANCE, & INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

International Economic Conditions. The Committee will conduct oversight of the Department of the Treasury's Office of International Affairs (IA) and its efforts to improve the global economic environment for U.S. economic growth; prevent and mitigate global financial

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U.S. Oversight over the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs). The Committee will consider any Administration request that the U.S. subscribe to capital or contribute to the replenishment of the concessional lending windows at the World Bank and other multilateral development banks. It will assess progress made on achieving development results through the MDBs, including graduating the People's Republic of China from MDB assistance and ensuring the transparency of Chinese official credit.

Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018 and actions taken by CFIUS to identify and address foreign investments that pose threats to national security, and the effectiveness of measures taken to mitigate those threats.

Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT). The Committee will conduct oversight of the Treasury Department's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) and its development and implementation of U.S. government strategies to combat terrorist financing.

The Committee will monitor the implementation of financial sanctions and proposals to expand or remove such sanctions or impose new ones. This includes assessing their effectiveness at achieving national security objectives. As part of this oversight, the Committee will monitor the efforts of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

The Committee will examine the operations of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and its ongoing efforts to implement its regulatory mandates to ensure its policies are effective at stopping illicit activity while respecting the data privacy of law-abiding Americans.

International Trade. The Committee will examine the operations of the Export-Import Bank and the new procedures implemented since the most recent reauthorization in September 2019.

Defense Production Act (DPA). The Committee will monitor the effectiveness of the DPA, which was reauthorized in 2018, and its individual authorities in promoting national security and preparing for global threats.

Coins and Currency. The Committee will conduct oversight of the printing and minting of U.S. currency and coins and the operation of programs administered by the U.S. Mint for producing congressionally authorized commemorative coins, bullion coins for investors, and Congressional gold medals. The Committee will continue its review of efforts to detect and combat the counterfeiting of U.S. coins and currency in the United States and abroad. The Committee will also examine commemorative coins and medals, including potential reforms related to the process for funding the production of such items.

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in Fiscal Year 2024. The SEC received \$2.149 billion in appropriations in FY 2024, despite its authorization lapsing in fiscal year 2015. Additionally, notwithstanding the SEC Office of the Inspector General's authorization lapse after FY 2011, it received over \$20.05 million in FY 2024 as part of the SEC's appropriation. The Committee will perform oversight as necessary to support activities related to the reauthorization of the SEC and its Office of Inspector General.

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The Committee will take appropriate action relating to oversight and authorization of programs within the Committee's jurisdiction. This includes programs that are authorized but not appropriated; appropriated but not authorized; and authorized and appropriated. Non-exhaustive lists of such programs may be found in <u>House Report 118-556</u> and the Congressional Budget Office's January 12, 2024, report titled "<u>Expired and Expiring Authorizations of Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024—Information for Legislation Enacted Through September 30, 2023."</u>

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With respect to housing matters, virtually all HUD programs within the Committee's jurisdiction requiring authorization have lapsed authorizations but received FY 2025 appropriations through the continuing resolution. These programs include the largest portions of HUD's annual budget authority, the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs authorized by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (P.L. 75-412), as well as several programs created through the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1992. The Committee will evaluate the efficacy of these programs in alleviating poverty and increasing housing affordability and how reforms can increase individual choice and self-sufficiency. Additionally, HUD's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program has never been authorized but frequently receives funding through supplemental appropriations measures enacted by Congress for disaster relief. The Committee will review the efficacy of codification of CDBG-DR standard procedures to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse by federal agencies, grantees, and sub-grantees within the program.

With respect to insurance matters, the Committee will examine the current authorization of the NNFIP, currently set to expire on March 14, 2025. The Committee will consider the operation and administration of the program since its last enacted full five-year reauthorization which expired in September of 2017.

With respect to the reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank, set to expire on December 31, 2026, the Committee will further examine the role of the Bank and its impacts on the global competitiveness of U.S. companies and U.S. job creation.