MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2020

To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Coronavirus Preparedness and Response”

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee will hold a hearing to examine whether the United States is adequately prepared to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Member opening statements will begin at 9:30 a.m., and witness testimony will begin at 10:00 a.m. All efforts will be made to conclude the hearing by 1:00 p.m.

I. HEARING PURPOSE

On June 26, 2019, the Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing to examine the Trump Administration’s National Biodefense Strategy and the government’s preparedness to respond to man-made and natural biological threats. Since then, the COVID-19 virus has infected at least 93,000 people in 88 countries and killed about 3,000 people. On February 26, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first instance of possible “community spread” of COVID-19 in the United States, meaning that the patient’s exposure is unknown.

II. WITNESSES

Dr. Anthony Fauci
Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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Dr. Anne Schuchat  
Principal Deputy Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Robert Kadlec  
Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response  
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Dr. Terry M. Rauch  
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
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Department of Defense

Mr. Peter T. Gaynor (Invited)  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Chris Currie  
Director, Emergency Management and National Preparedness  
Government Accountability Office