Subcommittee Hearing Notice

December 1, 2021

TO: Members, Committee on Oversight and Reform

FROM: Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman

SUBJECT: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Hybrid Hearing on “Forfeiting our Rights: The Urgent Need for Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform”

DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. ET

PLACE: 2154 Rayburn HOB and Zoom

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. ET, the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will host a hybrid hearing on “Forfeiting our Rights: The Urgent Need for Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform.” The hearing will convene in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Zoom, which has been approved by the House.

Members should RSVP for the hearing by Tuesday, December 7, 2021, to Oversight_Clerks@mail.house.gov or by responding to the email that circulated this Notice. Please include in the RSVP whether you will be attending the hearing in person or via Zoom.

Per the Office of the Attending Physician’s (OAP) guidelines, and in consultation with the Architect of the Capitol, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Committee on House Administration, the hearing room has been reconfigured to provide for social distancing. As a result, seating in the hearing room is extremely limited and may not be able to accommodate all Members at one time. In light of current guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and OAP, all Members and staff must continue to wear masks at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Members may remove their masks only when recognized by the Chair to speak.
Members joining the remotely are asked to connect by 9:30 a.m. ET to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. Only Members, witnesses and their counsel, and approved Committee staff are allowed on the Zoom platform. All other staff may watch via livestream on the Committee’s website. Members who have difficulty connecting may contact Morgan Solomon with the majority staff at (202) 225-5051 or Ashlee Vineyard with the minority staff at (202) 680-3089. Members will be sent the meeting invitation link via Outlook once RSVP’d.

Attached are Zoom user guides that demonstrate how to: (1) manage various user features; and (2) ensure the best user experience by employing general best practices (e.g., optimal lighting and sound conditions). Members interested in testing Zoom before the hearing should contact Morgan Solomon to arrange a test.

If any Members would like to submit documents, exhibits, or other materials into the hearing record, they may submit them through the Committee’s electronic repository at Oversight_Clerks@mail.house.gov. Members are encouraged to submit such materials at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so they may be circulated to all Members prior to the hearing. Submitting such materials after this period, or during the hearing, may delay both their distribution to other Members and their approval for entering into the record.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities may be arranged by contacting Chioma Chukwu at OversightAccommodations@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-5051 at least three business days in advance of the scheduled hearing or business meeting.