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## Subcommittee Hearing Notice

March 31, 2022

TO: Members, Committee on Oversight and Reform

FROM: Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman

SUBJECT: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Hybrid Hearing titled “Free Speech Under Attack: Book Bans and Academic Censorship”

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DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m. ET

PLACE: 2154 Rayburn HOB and Zoom

**On Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET**, the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will host a hybrid hearing titled “Free Speech Under Attack: Book Bans and Academic Censorship.” 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 Wednesday, April 6, 2022**, to [Oversight\\_Clerks@mail.house.gov](mailto: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.**

In light of current guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Office of Attending Physician (OAP), use of masks by Members and staff in the hearing room is optional. Individuals wearing masks should wear properly fitted, medical-grade, filtration face masks (KN95 or N95 masks). Wearing a mask is a very effective personal protective measure to reduce the risk of infection, and Members and staff should consult CDC and OAP guidance regarding individual mask usage. Members and staff with coronavirus symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with the coronavirus should participate in hearings remotely.

Seating in the hearing room is available for all Committee Members. Seating for staff and others in the hearing room remains limited.

**Members joining the hearing 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](mailto: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.

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