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MEMORANDUM

July 13, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs

From: Committee Staff

Re: Subcommittee hearing titled “Cancelling Consumer Choice: Examining the Biden Administration’s Regulatory Assault on Americans’ Home Appliances”

On Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “Cancelling Consumer Choice: Examining the Biden Administration’s Regulatory Assault on Americans’ Home Appliances.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Under the Biden Administration, the Department of Energy has issued proposed and finalized rules for new energy efficiency standards through its Office for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy which impact multiple categories of home appliances. Questions exist as to whether the Department has satisfied required statutory considerations in advancing rules which appear to be efforts to regulate certain appliances out of the market.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the development, processes, and substance of proposed and finalized rules related to home appliances including, but not limited to, gas stoves, clothes washers, dishwashers, clothes dryers, air conditioners, and light bulbs.

III. WITNESSES:

The Honorable Geraldine Richmond

Under Secretary for Science and Innovation
U.S. Department of Energy