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MEMORANDUM

July 17, 2025

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

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “The New Atomic Age: Advancing America’s Energy Future”

On Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “The New Atomic Age: Advancing America’s Energy Future.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Small and micro modular nuclear reactors promise to dramatically reshape the way energy is generated in the United States. The Trump Administration has prioritized the unleashing of the American nuclear industry, specifically by reducing regulatory burdens presented by outdated U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission permitting processes.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine how small and micro modular reactors can expand nuclear power generation in the United States and provide safe, reliable, and effective energy production. The hearing also will examine hurdles the nuclear power industry faces in obtaining secure nuclear fuel sources and other important issues relating to the expansion of nuclear power in the United States.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Alex Epstein

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Mr. Joshua Smith

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