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### MEMORANDUM

June 21, 2019

**To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security**

**Fr: Majority Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “U.S. Biodefense, Preparedness, and Implications of Antimicrobial Resistance for National Security”**

On Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee will hold a hearing on biosecurity and the growing threat of drug-resistant diseases.

#### I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will evaluate the readiness of the U.S. government and healthcare system to respond to naturally-occurring pandemics and biological attacks that could be perpetrated by state and non-state actors. The hearing will also examine the increasing threat of antimicrobial-resistant diseases, as well as the implications of this challenge for U.S. national security.

#### II. WITNESSES

**Dr. Helen Boucher**

Director

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**Dr. Asha George**

Executive Director

Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense

**Chris Currie**

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