MEMORANDUM

July 20, 2021

To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security

Fr: Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Defending the U.S. Electric Grid Against Cyber Threats”

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely on the Zoom video platform, the Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing to examine the Biden Administration’s efforts to secure the U.S. electrical grid from cyber attacks given the recent uptick in incidents targeting government and critical infrastructure systems.

I. HEARING PURPOSE

This hearing will examine persistent cyber vulnerabilities in the U.S. electrical grid and the national security implications of a widespread disruption to the supply and distribution of electricity. The hearing will also consider the current regulatory framework governing electric utility vendors and whether additional regulations or incentives are needed to further enhance the cybersecurity and resilience of the electrical grid.

II. WITNESSES

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