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MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2023

To: Members, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled "Safeguarding the Federal Software Supply Chain"

On **Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. ET, in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building,** the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation will host a hearing titled "Safeguarding the Federal Software Supply Chain."

I.   BACKGROUND:
The federal government relies on information technology (IT) to conduct core operations like delivering benefits to veterans and conducting law enforcement activity. Each year, agencies spend more than $100 billion on information technology (IT) and cyber-related goods and services. These buys—especially those involving software with opaque origins and components—can expose federal systems and the sensitive data they hold to threat actors, including those based in enemy nation states.

II.   HEARING PURPOSE:
The hearing will discuss and evaluate existing efforts and potential next steps toward better insulating the federal software supply chain.

III.   WITNESSES:

Mr. Roger Waldron
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