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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Majority Staff

Re: Hearing on “To the Cloud! The Cloudy Role of FedRAMP in IT Modernization”

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee will hold a hearing to examine the Federal Risk Authorization and Management Program (FedRAMP). FedRAMP is a government-wide program that provides a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established FedRAMP in December 2011 to provide joint authorizations and continuous security monitoring services for cloud services for all federal agencies.¹ FedRAMP seeks to provide a cost-effective, risk-based approach for the adoption and use of cloud services by standardizing security requirements for the authorization and ongoing cybersecurity assessments of cloud services for information systems.

The hearing will examine the extent to which FedRAMP has reduced duplicative efforts, inconsistencies, and cost inefficiencies associated with cloud security authorization process.

II. WITNESSES

Panel One

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¹ Office of Management and Budget, *Security Authorization and Information Systems in Cloud Computing Environments* (Dec. 8, 2011) (online at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/egov_docs/fedrampmemo.pdf).

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