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MEMORANDUM

June 9, 2021

To: Members of the Subcommittee on Environment

Fr: Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hybrid Hearing on “Jumpstarting Main Street: Bringing Jobs & Wealth Back to Forgotten America”

On **Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. ET**, the Subcommittee on Environment will hold a hybrid hearing in **Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and on the Zoom video platform** on “Jumpstarting Main Street: Bringing Jobs & Wealth Back to Forgotten America.”

I. HEARING PURPOSE

In late March 2021, President Biden proposed the \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan (AJP).¹ The plan calls for significant investments in traditional infrastructure, such as bridges, roads, and water treatment facilities. President Biden has also made investing in addressing climate change a top priority, with over half of the proposed AJP investments targeted at solving the climate crisis.²

The hearing will focus attention on the need to target investments in areas of the country that have been deindustrialized and historically disadvantaged while tackling the global climate crisis. The Subcommittee will examine racial economic inequality and how investments to stop the climate crisis can address it.

¹ The White House, *Fact Sheet: The American Jobs Plan* (May 4, 2021) (online at www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/).

² *The American Jobs Plan Gets Serious About Infrastructure and Climate Change*, Center for Strategic and International Studies (May 19, 2021) (online at www.csis.org/analysis/american-jobs-plan-gets-serious-about-infrastructure-and-climate-change).

II. WITNESSES

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