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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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MEMORANDUM

June 23, 2020

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Majority Staff

Re: Hearing on “Accountability in Crisis: GAO’s Recommendations to Improve the Federal Coronavirus Response”

On **Friday, June 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. E.T.**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hybrid in-person/remote hearing on recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to improve the federal coronavirus response.

This hearing will convene using WebEx, which has been approved by the House. The Chairman, the witness, and other Members at their discretion will convene in person in 1324 Longworth House Office Building. Strict adherence to the [Attending Physician’s Guidelines](#) is required for all participants. Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 8:30 a.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) requires GAO to “conduct monitoring and oversight of the exercise of authorities, or the receipt, disbursement, and use of funds ... to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the Coronavirus 2019 pandemic and the effect of the pandemic on the health, economy, and public and private institutions of the United States.” The CARES Act also requires GAO to provide Congress and the public with “reports regarding the ongoing monitoring and oversight efforts” on a bi-monthly basis.¹

On June 25, 2020, GAO will release its first bi-monthly report on the federal government’s response to the coronavirus pandemic and related federal spending, as required by the CARES Act. The hearing will discuss GAO’s findings in the report and examine GAO’s recommendations for how to improve the federal response to the pandemic.

¹ P.L. 116-136.

II. WITNESS

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
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