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MEMORANDUM

September 15, 2025

To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Oversight of the District of Columbia”

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will host a hearing titled, “Oversight of the District of Columbia.”

I. BACKGROUND:

The Committee will hear testimony from Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, who has been in office since 2015 and serves as the city’s Chief Executive, with authority to enforce laws, propose legislation, and veto Council bills, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, who has served on the D.C. Council since 1998 and as Chairman since 2012, and D.C.’s elected Attorney General Brian Schwalb, who handles most juvenile cases and certain local offenses that the U.S. Attorney’s Office for D.C. declines.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine the current state of D.C. crime and the factors that have led to too much crime in the Nation’s Capital.

III. WITNESSES:

Ms. Muriel Bowser

Mayor

District of Columbia

Mr. Phil Mendelson

Council Chairman

District of Columbia

Mr. Brian Schwalb

Attorney General

District of Columbia