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MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2026

To: Members, Subcommittee on Government Operations

From: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing titled “Curbing Federal Fraud: Examining Innovative Tools to Detect and Prevent Fraud in Federal Programs”

On **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center**, the Subcommittee on Government Operations will host a hearing titled “Curbing Federal Fraud: Examining Innovative Tools to Detect and Prevent Fraud in Federal Programs.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Detecting and preventing fraud before it occurs is the most cost-efficient way to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent as intended. The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee—now with expanded authorities from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act—along with other partners, plays a critical role preventing fraud.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine innovative tools used to detect and prevent fraud in federal programs and discuss best practices when using advanced analytics, data sharing, and artificial intelligence for fraud prevention.

III. WITNESSES:

Mr. Ken Dieffenbach

Executive Director

Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

Ms. Renata Miskell

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Accounting Policy & Financial Transparency

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Mr. Sterling Thomas

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