MEMORANDUM

September 19, 2022

To: Committee on Energy and Commerce Members and Staff

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Re: Full Committee Markup of 24 Bills

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. (EDT), in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, and via Cisco Webex online video conferencing, the Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold a markup of the following 24 bills:

H.R. 3655, the “Vaccine Injury Compensation Modernization Act of 2021”; H.R. 5141, the “Maximizing Outcomes through Better Investments in Lifesaving Equipment for (MOBILE) Health Care Act”; H.R. 8163, the “Improving Trauma Systems and Emergency Care Act”; H.R. 6737, the “Flint Registry Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 6965, the “Visit America Act”; H.R. 5441, the “Preventing All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act”; H. Res. 1355, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to ivermectin; H. Res. 1244, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to any COVID-19 vaccine; H. Res. 1258, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documentation to the House of Representatives relating to the calculation of certain expenditure limitations applicable to Federal funding of the Medicaid program in Puerto Rico; H. Res. 1263, Of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to COVID-19 funding; H. Res. 1267, Of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to the oversight of the Wuhan Institute of Virology laboratory by the Director of the National Institutes of Health; H. Res. 1268, Of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to actions taken by the Secretary of Health and Human Services related to the COVID-19 pandemic response; H. Res. 1274, Of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to communications by or among any of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the White House, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Justice related to the executive branch's recommendations for a long-term, consensus approach to reduce the supply and availability of illicitly manufactured fentanyl-related substances in the United States; H. Res. 1275, Of inquiry directing the
President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to communications by staff of the White House regarding the implications of revoking the public health orders commonly referred to as “title 42”; H. Res. 1284, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documentation to the House of Representatives relating to the negotiation of prices for prescription drugs under the Medicare prescription drug program; and H. Res. 1287, Of inquiry directing the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to the recall of infant formula manufactured by Abbott Laboratories and potential impacts on the infant formula supply chain; H. Res. 1265, Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to exploit the energy crisis to pursue a radical climate agenda; H. Res. 1272, Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to declare a “climate emergency” in order to invoke emergency authorities to impose regulations on industrial activity, or the supply and delivery of energy or electric power, in the United States; H. Res. 1260, Of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plans to draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and plans to refill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; H. Res. 1326, Of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plans to protect baseload bulk power system generation and transmission to maintain bulk power system reliability; H. Res. 1264, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to misinformation and the preservation of free speech; H. Res. 1271, Of inquiry requesting the President transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to activities of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration relating to broadband service; H. Res. 1237, Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to online censorship of political speech; H. Res. 1261, Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to communications and directives with the Federal Trade Commission.

I. H.R. 3655, THE “VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021”

Reps. Doggett (D-TX) and Upton (R-MI) introduced H.R. 3655 on June 1, 2021. The legislation, as forwarded by the Subcommittee on Health, would remove the current cap of eight special masters in the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) and replace it with a floor of at least 10 special masters. Additionally, the Chief Special master for the VICP would be required to report on the number of pending petitions and hearings scheduled and provide recommendations related to whether additional special masters are necessary.

On September 14, 2022, the Subcommittee on Health favorably forwarded H.R. 3655 to the full Committee, amended, by a voice vote.
II. **H.R. 5141, THE “MAXIMIZING OUTCOMES THROUGH BETTER INVESTMENTS IN LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT FOR (MOBILE) HEALTH CARE ACT”**

Reps. Susie Lee (D-NV), Hudson (R-NC), Ruiz (D-CA), and Herrera Beutler (R-WA) introduced H.R. 5141 on August 31, 2021. This legislation would allow Federally Qualified Health Centers to use New Access Point grants for establishing mobile health units.

On September 14, 2022, the Subcommittee on Health favorably forwarded H.R. 5141 to the full Committee, amended, by a roll call vote of 29 yeas to 0 nays.

III. **H.R. 8163, THE “IMPROVING TRAUMA SYSTEMS AND EMERGENCY CARE ACT”**

Rep. O’Halleran (D-AZ) introduced H.R. 8163 on June 21, 2022. The legislation reauthorizes grants through fiscal year (FY) 2027 to support the improvement of emergency medical services and trauma care readiness and coordination. The bill requires the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to develop guidance for and otherwise support states—and consortia of states—to coordinate and improve emergency medical services and trauma care during declared emergencies. The bill also expands eligibility and revises grants for improving emergency medical services and trauma care in rural areas and competitive grants for improving regional emergency medical and trauma systems.

On September 14, 2022, the Subcommittee on Health favorably forwarded H.R. 8163 to the full Committee, amended, by a voice vote.

An amendment in the nature of a substitute (AINS) is expected to be offered to make technical and conforming amendments to the legislation.

IV. **H.R. 6737, THE “FLINT REGISTRY REAUTHORIZATION ACT”**

Rep. Kildee (D-MI) and 13 original bipartisan cosponsors introduced H.R. 6737 on February 15, 2022. The legislation would amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WINN) Act, enacted in December 2016, to reauthorize the Lead Exposure Registry program at $5 million annually for FY 2023 through FY 2032.

On September 14, 2022, the Subcommittee on Health favorably forwarded H.R. 6737 to the full Committee, amended, by a roll call vote of 16 yeas to 12 nays.

V. **H.R. 6965, THE “VISIT AMERICA ACT”**

H.R. 6965, the “Visit America Act,” introduced by Reps. Titus (D-NV), Case (D-HI), and Young (R-AK), implements measures to support the U.S. travel and tourism industry, including requiring the Department of Commerce to develop a 10-year strategy with annual goals to boost the industry.
The bill also establishes the role of an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism, whose responsibilities shall include (1) setting an annual goal for the number of international visitors to the United States, (2) providing support for improved visitor visa processing, and (3) promoting travel exports abroad. Additionally, the Assistant Secretary must develop and implement a COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy to assist the recovery of the U.S. travel and tourism industry.

The bill also provides statutory authority for the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, which shall aid the Assistant Secretary in developing and implementing a COVID-19 pandemic recovery strategy.

An AINS is expected to be filed to make additional changes to H.R. 6965.

VI. H.R. 5441, THE “PREVENTING ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT”

Rep. Cohen (D-TN) and 212 original bipartisan cosponsors introduced H.R. 5441 on September 30, 2021. The legislation requires the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe regulations for the licensing, training, assignment, and oversight of persons qualified to detect and diagnose a sore horse. The bill explicitly prohibits the use of acting devices and pads (which can intensify a horse’s pain) on horse breeds that have a history of being victims of soring and increases penalties to imprisonment up to three years and fines up to $5,000 per violation.

On June 23, 2022, the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce favorably forwarded H.R. 5441 to the full Committee, amended, by a roll call vote of 22 yeas to 0 nays.

VII. H. RES. 1355, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO TRANSMIT, RESPECTIVELY, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO IVERMECTIN.

H. Res. 1355 was introduced by Rep. Gosar (R-AZ) on September 15, 2022. It requests from the President and directs the Secretary of HHS to transmit copies of any document, record, memorandum, correspondence, or other recorded communication that refers or relates to ivermectin, a drug approved in humans to treat conditions caused by parasitic worms and treat other parasites and approved for use in animals to prevent heartworm and treat other parasites.

VIII. H. RES. 1244, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO TRANSMIT, RESPECTIVELY, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO ANY COVID-19 VACCINE.

H. Res. 1244 was introduced by Rep. Gosar on July 21, 2022. It requests from the President and directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to transmit copies of any document, record, memorandum, correspondence, or other recorded communication that refers or relates to any COVID-19 vaccine.
IX. **H. RES. 1258, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM IN PUERTO RICO.**

H. Res. 1258 was introduced by Rep. Dunn (R-FL) on July 26, 2022. It directs the Secretary of HHS to provide documents or communication from before September 7, 2021, that relate to the interpretation of section 1108 of the Social Security Act relating to the calculation of the federal Medicaid allotment for Puerto Rico for FY 2022 and beyond. It also directs the Secretary of HHS to provide communications between HHS and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that relate to the Comptroller General’s legal analysis of the Puerto Rico federal Medicaid allotment as required by P.L. 117-43.

X. **H. RES. 1263, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO COVID-19 FUNDING.**

H. Res. 1263 was introduced by Rep. Bucshon (R-IN) on July 26, 2022. It would direct the President to, not later than 14 days after the adoption of the resolution, furnish to the House of Representatives copies of any document or communication in the President’s possession that refers or relates to (1) the data, modeling, and projections used by the President to develop the COVID–19 supplemental funding request in the spring of 2022; (2) an accounting of funds that were made available by the American Rescue Plan Act and have not been obligated or expended; and (3) an accounting of funds obligated or expended by the executive branch for COVID–19 at-home test kits.

XI. **H. RES. 1267, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE OVERSIGHT OF THE WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY LABORATORY BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.**

H. Res. 1267 was introduced by Rep. Griffith (R-VA) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to furnish to the House of Representatives copies of documents or communications in the possession of the Director of the National Institutes of Health that refers or relates to oversight of the Wuhan Institute of Virology laboratory by the Director, including any such document or communication specifying (1) the names of the staff involved in reviewing the research conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology; (2) the details on the scope of such review and the process for how such review was conducted; (3) the review of the biosafety training, practices, and procedures of the Wuhan Institute of Virology; and (4) information related to the standard operating procedures of the Wuhan Institute of Virology laboratory for working with novel coronaviruses.
XII. H. RES. 1268, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT’S POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE.

H. Res. 1268 was introduced by Rep. Guthrie (R-KY) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to furnish the House of Representatives copies of documents or communication in the President’s possession that refers or relates to actions taken by the Secretary of HHS related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. H. Res. 1268 requires that the President disclose the number of in-person meetings that the Secretary has taken on the topic of the COVID-19 response; visits the Secretary has taken to the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration; days that the Secretary has worked from Washington, D.C., and California; and work trips taken by the Secretary. It also requires the disclosure of expenses incurred during the Secretary’s travel and an accounting of accommodations made for the Secretary’s work at alternative locations. Finally, it requires an account of delegations of authority executed and the number of classified COVID-19 briefings attended by the Secretary.


H. Res. 1274 was introduced by Rep. Latta (R-OH) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to furnish to the House of Representatives copies of any document or communication in the President’s possession that refers or relates to communications by or among any of the HHS, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the White House, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Justice related to the executive branch’s recommendations for a long-term, consensus approach to reduce the supply and availability of illicitly manufactured fentanyl-related substances in the United States.
XIV. H. RES. 1275, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BY STAFF OF THE WHITE HOUSE REGARDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF REVOKING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS “TITLE 42.”

H. Res. 1275 was introduced by Rep. Lesko (R-AZ) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to furnish to the House of Representatives copies of any document or communication in the President’s possession that refers or relates to communications by staff of the White House with outside groups and experts regarding the implications of revoking the public health orders commonly referred to as “title 42.”

XV. H. RES. 1284, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF PRICES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM.

H. Res 1284 was introduced by Rep. Rodgers (R-WA) on July 26, 2022. It directs the Secretary of HHS to furnish to the House of Representatives copies of any document, audio recording, memorandum, call log, correspondence, or other communication in the Secretary’s possession that refers or relates to communications by staff of the White House relating to the negotiation of prices for prescription drugs under the Medicare prescription drug program.

XVI. H. RES. 1287, OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE RECALL OF INFANT FORMULA MANUFACTURED BY ABBOTT LABORATORIES AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE INFANT FORMULA SUPPLY CHAIN.

H. Res. 1287 was introduced by Rep. Walberg (R-MI) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to furnish copies of any document or record, audio recording, memorandum, call log, correspondence, or other communication in the President’s possession referring or relating to (1) the memoranda and report referenced by Dr. Califf, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), related to infant formula recall at the May 25, 2022, hearing of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; (2) all communications between the Commissioner and other FDA staff related to infant formula recall prior to February 2022; (3) the failure of FDA to ensure the whistleblower complaint submitted to the agency by an employee of Abbott Laboratories was sent to all necessary and appropriate officials and what actions FDA has taken to prevent such a failure from happening in the future; (4) the number of full-time equivalent positions in the FDA Office of Regulatory Affairs that remain vacant for food safety compliance and inspection staff; (5) all communications between FDA and the Department of Agriculture about the recall of infant formula manufactured by Abbott Laboratories and the potential impact on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), including the timing of such communications; and (6) the
number of submissions pending at FDA as of the date of the adoption of the resolution for the marketing of infant formula, delineated by domestic and foreign manufacturers.

XVII.  H. RES. 1265, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO PLANS TO EXPLOIT THE ENERGY CRISIS TO PURSUE A RADICAL CLIMATE AGENDA.

H. Res. 1265 was introduced by Rep. Duncan (R-SC) on July 26, 2022. The resolution directs the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to exploit the energy crisis to pursue a radical climate agenda. Specifically, it requests the President transmit any records relating to (1) a strategy or plan to issue executive actions, federal policies, or regulations that cause or contribute to energy price increases; (2) a strategy or plan to blame Russian President Vladimir Putin for record high energy prices forced on American consumers; (3) a strategy or plan to exploit the energy crisis to pursue a radical anti-fossil fuel climate agenda; and (4) a strategy or plan to impose punitive restrictions on American energy workers, including a ban on the export of crude oil or petroleum products.

XVIII. H. RES. 1272, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO PLANS TO DECLARE A “CLIMATE EMERGENCY” IN ORDER TO INVOKE EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES TO IMPOSE REGULATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY, OR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ENERGY OR ELECTRIC POWER, IN THE UNITED STATES.

H. Res. 1272 was introduced by Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH) on July 26, 2022. It directs the President to provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to plans to declare a “climate emergency” to invoke emergency authorities to impose regulations on industrial activity, or the supply and delivery of energy or electric power, in the United States. Specifically, the resolution requests the President transmit any records relating to (1) a strategy or plan to declare climate change a public health emergency or a national emergency to invoke emergency powers to regulate or control any aspect of current or future industrial activity, or the supply and delivery of energy or electric power, in the United States; (2) statutory authorities to be used by the President to respond to a declared climate emergency to regulate or control any aspect of current or future industrial activity, or the supply and delivery of energy or electric power, in the United States; and (3) interagency comments concerning the use of available authorities or emergency powers to respond to a climate emergency.
XIX. H. RES. 1260, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT, AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO PLANS TO DRAW DOWN AND SELL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AND PLANS TO REFILL THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.

Rep. Armstrong (R-IN) introduced H. Res. 1260 on July 26, 2022. The resolution requests the President, and directs the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives all materials relating to plans to draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and plans to refill the Reserve. Additionally, the resolution specifically requests information relating to the disposition of such petroleum sales with regard to entities under the ownership, control, or influence of the Chinese Communist Party.

XX. H. RES. 1326, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT, AND DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO PLANS TO PROTECT BASELOAD BULK POWER SYSTEM GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION TO MAINTAIN BULK POWER SYSTEM RELIABILITY.

Rep. Pence (R-IN) introduced H. Res. 1326 on August 26, 2022. The resolution requests the President, and directs the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives all materials relating to plans to respond to the insufficient baseload electricity generation and transmission described by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in the document titled “2022 Summer Reliability Assessment.”

The resolution also requests certain correspondence between the Secretary of Energy and bulk power system operators, the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Specifically, it requests correspondence relating to how the reliability of the bulk power system is expected to be affected by retirement of electric generating units arising out of the EPA’s alternative closure requirements for coal ash landfills and surface impoundments and its “Federal Implementation Plan Addressing Regional Ozone Transport for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.”

XXI. H. RES. 1264, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO MISINFORMATION AND THE PRESERVATION OF FREE SPEECH.

H. Res. 1264 was introduced by Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) on July 26, 2022. It requests the President transmit to the House of Representatives records related to the communication or coordination between the personnel of the Executive Office of the President and the personnel of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with respect to (1) regulation of programming decisions by multichannel video programming distributors relating to misinformation; (2)
regulation of programming decisions by broadcast stations relating to misinformation; (3) regulation of programming decisions by providers of video streaming services and other over-the-top video programming distributors; (4) issuing any rule, regulation, policy, doctrine, standard, or other requirement that has the purpose or effect of reinstating or repromulgating the “Fairness Doctrine”; (5) requesting that action be taken by the FCC related to the regulation of Big Tech; and (6) any discussion of preservation of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

XXII. H. RES. 1271, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TRANSMIT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE.

H. Res. 1271 was introduced by Rep. Hudson on July 26, 2022. It requests the President transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any documents, records, audio recordings, memoranda, call logs, correspondence, or other communication related to (1) communication or coordination between the personnel of the Executive Office of the President and the personnel of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) regarding the broadband-related programs in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; (2) communication or coordination between the personnel of the Office of the Vice President, the personnel of NTIA, and the personnel of the FCC relating to federal broadband policy since April 28, 2021; and (3) communication or coordination between the personnel of the Executive Office and the personnel of NTIA, the FCC, the Department of Education, or the Department of Agriculture relating to overlap or duplication, or the potential for overlap or duplication, between programs that support broadband.

XXIII. H. RES. 1237, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO ONLINE CENSORSHIP OF POLITICAL SPEECH.

H. Res. 1237 was introduced by Rep. Bishop (R-NC) on July 20, 2022. It would request the President furnish to the House of Representatives records related to (1) communication or coordination between the Executive Office of the President and social media companies regarding censorship, moderation, or removal of content on social media platforms; (2) a statement made by White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki on July 15, 2021; and (3) a statement made by Surgeon General Vivek Murphy regarding the Administration asking social media companies to “take action against misinformation super spreaders on their platforms.”

XXIV. H. RES. 1261, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTIVES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

This resolution was introduced by Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL) on July 26, 2022. It requests information from the President about Federal Trade Commission (FTC) policies, procedures, and decision-making. The requested documents relate to the FTC’s deliberative process for drafting its strategic plan for FY 2022 through FY 2026; changes to the FTC’s goals and enforcement
priorities; adherence to the Commission’s rules for conducting votes, including votes cast by departing commissioners; complaints from FTC employees about a temporary freeze on public speaking appearances by FTC staff or about termination of employees; and communications and coordination between the FTC and the White House about the FTC’s recently announced Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Commercial Surveillance.