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Chairman Towns Statement on Reports of Sammy Sosa's Performance-Enhancing Drug Use

“According to media reports published this week, Sammy Sosa allegedly tested positive in 2003 for having used a performance-enhancing drug. This Committee heard sworn testimony from Mr. Sosa in 2005 when he stated that he had not previously used performance-enhancing drugs. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee always takes seriously suggestions that a witness misled the Committee while testifying under oath. Investigators will begin a review of this matter and, upon learning the results, I will determine appropriate next steps. It is important to note that this review will not distract us from our ongoing work on the financial crisis and from conducting oversight of the stimulus.

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