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MEMORANDUM

November 9, 2022

To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security

Fr: Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “JROTC: Protecting Cadets from Sexual Abuse and Instructor Misconduct”

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and remotely on the Zoom video platform, the Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing to examine how the Department of Defense (DOD) and military services administer and conduct oversight of the more than 3,500 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) units currently operating in high schools across the country.¹

I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine troubling allegations that some JROTC instructors have misused their positions of authority to abuse or exploit cadets under their supervision.² The hearing will also consider whether DOD and the military services have the necessary safeguards and oversight mechanisms in place to protect JROTC cadets from sexual abuse, harassment, or other misconduct committed against them by program instructors.

II. WITNESSES

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¹ Congressional Research Service, *Defense Primer: Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps* (IF11313) (June 15, 2022) (online at <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/natsec/IF11313.pdf>).

² “*I Felt Trapped*”: *Sexual Abuse of Teens in the Military’s J.R.O.T.C. Program*, New York Times (July 9, 2022) (online at www.nytimes.com/2022/07/09/us/sexual-abuse-jrotc.html).

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