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**House of Representatives**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**December 1, 2022**

**To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Fr: Committee Staff**

**Re: Committee Business Meeting**

On **Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building and over Zoom**, the Committee on Oversight and Reform will hold a hybrid business meeting to consider the following:

1. H. Res. 1479, “Of inquiry requesting the President transmit certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the surveillance or monitoring of pro-gun, pro-life, or conservative groups under the Internet Covert Operations Program operated by the United States Postal Inspection Service”; and
2. Several postal naming measures.

**I. H. RES. 1479, OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TRANSMIT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO THE SURVEILLANCE OR MONITORING OF PRO-GUN, PRO-LIFE, OR CONSERVATIVE GROUPS UNDER THE INTERNET COVERT OPERATIONS PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE.**

**A. Summary**

On November 16, 2022, Representative Andrew Clyde introduced H. Res. 1479, a resolution of inquiry requesting that the President transmit certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the surveillance or monitoring of pro-gun, pro-life, or conservative groups under the Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP) operated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

In May 2021, the Committee sent a bipartisan request to the Inspector General of the U.S. Postal Service regarding the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) use of iCOP to perform intelligence operations on First Amendment activity. The bipartisan letter requested that

the Inspector General conduct an evaluation of iCOP, specifically addressing questions of USPIS' authority to conduct online intelligence operations targeting people in the United States, the impact of these activities, and any internal processes in place to ensure accountability.<sup>1</sup>

The Inspector General accepted this request and conducted a review of iCOP's activities from October 2018 through June 2021, covering 160 cases and 70 reports. The Inspector General also conducted interviews and reviewed iCOP's policies, procedures, and related contracts. The Inspector General released a report on March 25, 2022, finding that in some instances, iCOP's use of open-source intelligence tools went beyond its law enforcement authority, and identifying areas for improvement in iCOP's policies and procedures. In response to these findings, Postal Service management agreed to undertake certain remedial measures to address the Inspector General's recommendations, including conducting an internal review of the program's activities and procedures.<sup>2</sup>

#### **A. Amendments**

The Chairwoman will offer an ANS.

Staff contact: Ethan Van Ness at (202) 225-5051.

## **II. POSTAL NAMING MEASURES**

- H.R. 8622, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 3rd Street in King City, California, as the Chief Rudy Banuelos Post Office."
- H.R. 9074, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 North Sunrise Way in Palm Springs, California, as the 'Chairman Richard Milanovich Post Office.'"
- H.R. 9251, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the 'Paul Ignatius Post Office.'"
- H.R. 9335, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Franklin Street in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the 'Mitchell F. Lundgaard Post Office Building.'"

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney and Ranking Member James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Reform, to Inspector General Tammy L. Whitcomb, United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (May 25, 2021) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/2021-05-25.CBM%20Comer%20to%20Whitcomb-USPS%20OIG%20re%20iCOP.pdf>).

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, *U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Online Analytical Support Activities* (Mar. 25, 2022) (online at [www.uspsoig.gov/sites/default/files/document-library-files/2022/21-191-R22.pdf](http://www.uspsoig.gov/sites/default/files/document-library-files/2022/21-191-R22.pdf)).

### **III. AMENDMENT PROCESS**

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel to Oversight\_Clerks@mail.house.gov and to Christina Parisi at Christina.Parisi@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.