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## **Chairman Boustany Announces Hearing on Lessons Learned from Welfare Reforms in Other Countries**

Today, Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee Chairman Charles Boustany (R-LA) announced that the subcommittee will hold a hearing titled “*Moving America's Families Forward: Lessons Learned from Welfare Reforms in Other Countries.*” **The hearing will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, in room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building.**

In view of the limited time available, oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. Witnesses will include experts on how other countries have reformed social welfare programs to increase work and decrease poverty and dependence on government benefits. However, any individual or organization not scheduled for an oral appearance may submit a written statement for consideration by the committee for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing.

In announcing the hearing, Chairman Boustany stated, “**In 1996, Congress passed work-focused welfare reforms that reduced poverty and dependency and increased work and earnings. Other countries took note of these changes, and in the years following many sought to replicate the success of the U.S. reforms by making similar changes to their own systems. Since that time, many countries have gone further in reforming their social safety nets to better promote and support work, and now it’s time for the U.S. to learn from these modernization efforts so we can develop new policies that will help more Americans get ahead.**”

### **FOCUS OF THE HEARING:**

This hearing will review how other countries have reformed their social welfare programs to better support and encourage work and how these changes might inform efforts to modernize the safety net in the United States.

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1. All submissions and supplementary materials must be provided in Word format and **MUST NOT** exceed a total of 10 pages, including attachments. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.
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