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Dear Mr. Galdo:

As you have been advised, the Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing titled, “The Greatest Theft of American Tax Dollars: Unchecked Unemployment Fraud.” The purpose of this letter is to formally invite you to appear before the Committee at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building.**

I write to you in your role as temporary Acting Director for COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement, or the “Chief Pandemic Prosecutor,” as President Biden announced in his 2022 State of the Union address. On March 10, 2022, the Department of Justice announced the appointment of Associate Deputy Attorney General Kevin Chambers to serve as Director for COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement. Mr. Chambers was to lead criminal and civil enforcement activities to combat COVID-19 related fraud. Mr. Chambers left his position in December. As Acting Director, we request your presence before the Committee to provide an update on the Department’s efforts.

A growing body of evidence shows fraud from COVID-19 federal spending and government benefits has exceeded hundreds of billions of dollars, although the exact figure is not known. This long overdue hearing will mark the beginning of the Committee’s investigation into the size, scope, and severity of fraud in federal pandemic unemployment programs.

The Committee requires that you send an electronic version of your written statement to andrew.gradison@mail.house.gov 48 hours prior to the start of the hearing (Monday, February 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.). On the day of the hearing, please limit your oral testimony to five minutes.

We look forward to your testimony and thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cheryl Vincent of the Committee staff at (202) 225-8287.

Sincerely,



Jason Smith
Chairman

House Committee on Ways and Means