

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Committee on Financial Services

From: FSC Majority Staff

Date: June 18, 2018

Subject: June 21, 2018, Full Committee Hearing Entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission”

The Committee on Financial Services will hold a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission” at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2018, in room 2128 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Honorable Jay Clayton, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, will be the only witness.

The U.S. Senate confirmed Chairman Clayton on May 2, 2017, for a term expiring in 2021 and he was sworn in on May 4, 2017. The SEC has a three-part mission: to protect investors; to maintain fair, orderly and efficient markets; and to facilitate capital formation. The SEC consists of five presidentially-appointed commissioners who serve staggered five-year terms, one of whom is designated by the President to serve as Chairman. No more than three commissioners may belong to the same political party. The commissioners guide SEC policy by interpreting the Federal securities laws, proposing new rules as warranted by market developments or Congressional mandates, amending existing rules, and overseeing SEC enforcement actions. The SEC has five Divisions, 23 Offices, and 11 Regional Offices. The SEC’s Divisions and Offices are based at the SEC’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., and they report to the Chairman.

The hearing will examine the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s (SEC) agenda, and specifically the SEC’s efforts to preserve, promote, and protect the U.S. capital markets as the preferred venue for capital formation; to prevent the further erosion of the materiality standard; and to ensure that all investors have a wide array of securities in which to invest.