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HEARING CHARTER

February 8, 2018

TO: Members, Subcommittees on Oversight and Research and Technology

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Oversight Subcommittee and Research and Technology Subcommittee joint hearing: *Beyond Bitcoin: Emerging Applications for Blockchain Technology*.

The Subcommittees on Oversight and Research and Technology will hold a joint hearing entitled *Beyond Bitcoin: Emerging Applications for Blockchain Technology* on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

The purpose of this hearing is to explore the science of blockchain technology and its potential and emerging applications beyond cryptocurrency and financial technology. The hearing will focus on applications for blockchain technology across a broad range of industries, including cybersecurity, identity authentication and verification, supply chain risk management, and digital rights management. The hearing will also look at standards, guidelines, uses for government, and best practices that may prove necessary for the effective utilization of blockchain technology with respect to these emerging applications.

Witness List:

- **Mr. Chris A. Jaikaran**, Analyst in Cybersecurity Policy, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service
- **Dr. Charles H. Romine**, Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- **Mr. Gennaro “Jerry” Cuomo**, IBM Fellow, Vice President Blockchain Technologies, IBM Cloud
- **Mr. Frank Yiannas**, Vice President of Food Safety, Walmart
- **Mr. Aaron Wright**, Associate Clinical Professor and Co-Director of the Blockchain Project, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

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