

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

HEARING CHARTER

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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

SUBJECT: Full Committee hearing “Affirming Congress’ Constitutional Oversight Responsibilities: Subpoena Authority and Recourse for Failure to Comply with Lawfully Issued Subpoenas”

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled “*Affirming Congress’ Constitutional Oversight Responsibilities: Subpoena Authority and Recourse for Failure to Comply with Lawfully Issued Subpoenas*” on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

On July 13, 2016, the Committee issued subpoenas to the New York and Massachusetts State Attorneys General (“the AGs”) and several environmental organizations (“the organizations”). To date, both the AGs and organizations have refused to comply with the Committee’s subpoenas citing various Constitutional and state law provisions. This hearing will examine Congress’ investigative authority as it relates to the Committee’s oversight of the impact of investigations undertaken by the AGs at the behest of the organizations. Specifically, the hearing will explore the validity of the Committee’s current inquiry in the context of Congress’ broad oversight authority, as defined by legal precedent.

Witness List

- **Jonathan Turley**, J.B. & Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law, The George Washington University Law School
- **Ronald D. Rotunda**, Doy and Dee Henley Chair and Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law
- **Elizabeth Price Foley**, Professor of Law, Florida International University College of Law
- **Charles Tiefer**, Professor of Law, University of Baltimore; Former Acting General Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives

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