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Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JORDAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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# RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE**  
3                       **WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERN-**  
4                       **MENT.**

5           (a) ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.—

6               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-  
7           lished for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress a  
8           select investigative subcommittee of the Committee  
9           on the Judiciary called the Select Subcommittee on

1 the Weaponization of the Federal Government (here-  
2 inafter referred to as the “select subcommittee”).

3 (2) COMPOSITION.—

4 (A) The select subcommittee shall be com-  
5 posed of the chair and ranking minority mem-  
6 ber of the Committee on the Judiciary, together  
7 with not more than 13 other Members, Dele-  
8 gates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed  
9 by the Speaker, of whom not more than 5 shall  
10 be appointed in consultation with the minority  
11 leader. The Speaker shall designate one mem-  
12 ber of the select subcommittee as its chair. Any  
13 vacancy in the select subcommittee shall be  
14 filled in the same manner as the original ap-  
15 pointment.

16 (B) Each member appointed to the select  
17 subcommittee shall be treated as though a  
18 member of the Committee on the Judiciary for  
19 purposes of the select subcommittee.

20 (b) INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY.—

21 (1) INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS.—The select  
22 subcommittee is authorized and directed to conduct  
23 a full and complete investigation and study and, not  
24 later than January 2, 2025, issue a final report to

1 the House of its findings (and such interim reports  
2 as it may deem necessary) regarding—

3 (A) the expansive role of article II author-  
4 ity vested in the executive branch to collect in-  
5 formation on or otherwise investigate citizens of  
6 the United States, including ongoing criminal  
7 investigations;

8 (B) how executive branch agencies work  
9 with, obtain information from, and provide in-  
10 formation to the private sector, non-profit enti-  
11 ties, or other government agencies to facilitate  
12 action against American citizens, including the  
13 extent, if any, to which illegal or improper, un-  
14 constitutional, or unethical activities were en-  
15 gaged in by the executive branch or private sec-  
16 tor against citizens of the United States;

17 (C) how executive branch agencies collect,  
18 compile, analyze, use, or disseminate informa-  
19 tion about citizens of the United States, includ-  
20 ing any unconstitutional, illegal, or unethical  
21 activities committed against citizens of the  
22 United States;

23 (D) the laws, programs, and activities of  
24 the executive branch as they relate to the collec-  
25 tion of information on citizens of the United

1 States and the sources and methods used for  
2 the collection of information on citizens of the  
3 United States;

4 (E) any other issues related to the viola-  
5 tion of the civil liberties of citizens of the  
6 United States; and

7 (F) any other matter relating to informa-  
8 tion collected pursuant to the investigation con-  
9 ducted under this paragraph at any time during  
10 the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.

11 (2) AUTHORITY.—

12 (A) The select subcommittee may report to  
13 the House or any committee of the House from  
14 time to time the results of its investigations and  
15 studies, together with such detailed findings  
16 and legislative recommendations as it may deem  
17 advisable.

18 (B) Any markup of legislation shall be held  
19 at the full Committee level consistent with  
20 clause 1(l) of rule X of the Rules of the House  
21 of Representatives.

22 (c) PROCEDURE.—

23 (1) Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives and the rules of the Committee on the  
25 Judiciary shall apply to the select subcommittee in

1 the same manner as a subcommittee except as fol-  
2 lows:

3 (A) The chair of the select subcommittee  
4 may, after consultation with the ranking minor-  
5 ity member, recognize—

6 (i) members of the select sub-  
7 committee to question a witness for periods  
8 longer than five minutes as though pursu-  
9 ant to clause 2(j)(2)(B) of such rule XI;  
10 and

11 (ii) staff of the select subcommittee to  
12 question a witness as though pursuant to  
13 clause 2(j)(2)(C) of such rule XI.

14 (B) The Committee on the Judiciary (or  
15 the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, if  
16 acting in accordance with clause 2(m)(3)(A)(i)  
17 of rule XI) may authorize and issue subpoenas  
18 to be returned at the select subcommittee.

19 (C) With regard to the full scope of inves-  
20 tigative authority under subsection (b)(1), the  
21 select subcommittee shall be authorized to re-  
22 ceive information available to the Permanent  
23 Select Committee on Intelligence, consistent  
24 with congressional reporting requirements for  
25 intelligence and intelligence-related activities,

1           and any such information received shall be sub-  
2           ject to the terms and conditions applicable  
3           under clause 11 of rule X.

4           (2) The provisions of this resolution shall gov-  
5           ern the proceedings of the select subcommittee in  
6           the event of any conflict with the rules of the House  
7           or of the Committee on the Judiciary.

8           (d) SERVICE.—Service on the select subcommittee  
9           shall not count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2)(A)  
10          of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

11          (e) SUCCESSOR.—The Committee on the Judiciary is  
12          the “successor in interest” to the select subcommittee for  
13          purposes of clause 8(c) of rule II of the Rules of the House  
14          of Representatives.

15          (f) SUNSET.—The select subcommittee shall cease to  
16          exist 30 days after filing the final report required under  
17          subsection (b).

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