

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Members of the Committee on Financial Services

**From:** Committee Majority Staff

**Date:** February 6, 2026

**Re:** February 11, 2026, Full Committee Hearing: “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission.”

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On February 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., the House Committee on Financial Services will hold a hearing in Room 2128 of the Rayburn House Office Building, titled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The following witness will testify:

- **The Honorable Paul Atkins**, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Chairman Atkins was sworn in as the 34th Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on April 21, 2025. This will be Chairman Atkins’ first appearance before the Committee.

During the peak of the Great Depression, Congress passed the *Securities Act of 1933* and the *Securities and Exchange Act of 1934*, which created the SEC. The SEC’s tripartite mission is to: (1) protect investors; (2) maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets; and (3) facilitate capital formation.

Pursuant to its statutory mandate, the SEC oversees more than 30,000 registered entities, including investment advisers, mutual funds and exchange traded funds, broker-dealers, national securities exchanges, credit rating agencies, clearing agencies, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and the Financial Accounting Standards Board.