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

## **HEARING CHARTER**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Full Committee hearing "Science of Zika: The DNA of an Epidemic"

The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *Science of Zika: The DNA of an Epidemic* on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

### **Hearing Purpose:**

The purpose of the hearing is to examine the science of the Zika virus and the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito that transmits the disease. The hearing will look at the science of preparing for a potential Zika epidemic in the continental United States, including the forecasting, controlling, preventing and testing for the disease and the basic research of how the mosquito transmits the virus.

#### **Witness List**

- **Dr. Kacey Ernst**, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Arizona
- **Dr. Daniel Neafsey**, Associate Director, Genomic Center for Infectious Disease, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
- **Dr. Steven Presley**, Professor, Department of Environmental Toxicology, Texas Tech University
- Mr. Hadyn Parry, Chief Executive Officer, Oxitec

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