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Match Ready: Oversight of the Federal Government's Border Management and Personnel Readiness Efforts for the Decade of Sports

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Thank you, Chairman Lankford, and thank you to our witnesses for joining us today.

Before I begin, I want to say that I am pleased to be the Ranking Member of this subcommittee, and I look forward to working with you, Chairman Lankford, to solve issues facing the United States.

It is a great honor for the United States to host premier international sporting events like the FIFA World Cup and 2028 Olympics – not to mention celebrating America's 250th birthday and hosting the MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia next summer.

This is an opportunity to showcase the best of America to our international visitors and create a shared national pride among all Americans. I know Gisele and the kids are already looking forward to the games in Philadelphia.

Events of this scale do not happen overnight.

They take years of planning, resources, and coordination between organizers, state and local governments, private industry, and security partners.

The federal government plays an important role in ensuring the safety of these events – providing financial resources, threat intelligence, and security personnel.

What I am interested in hearing from our panel is what security threats these events face, how are we preparing, and what more needs to be done to make the decade of sports safe, secure, and successful.

Mr. Chairman, I have statements from the American Federation of Government Employees and the National Treasury Employees Union discussing challenges that the TSA and CBP workforce will face during the decade of sports. I request they be entered into the record.