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How Trump and Project 2025 Threaten Law Enforcement

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Unfortunately, today's hearing is a missed opportunity for this Subcommittee to have a conversation about protecting Americans from natural disasters, which cause loss of life and billions of dollars in damage every year.

Coming off one of the deadliest and costliest hurricane seasons, this Subcommittee should have a conversation about the impacts of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and discuss how our work can help disaster survivors.

It is alarming that my Republican colleagues have shown no urgency in providing FEMA and other Federal Agencies with supplemental funding for disaster survivors. This funding was requested by President Biden months ago and again in November *and* as we sit here today, they are still looking for reasons *not* to support full funding.

This Subcommittee should also address the misinformation and disinformation spread this hurricane season by President-Elect Trump and other Republicans this hurricane season, undermining the public's perception of Federal support in the face of disasters and making FEMA's job harder.

We need to do more to assure the public that the Committee on Homeland Security is working to make this country stronger and more resilient to all the threats we face.

Instead of focusing on FEMA, which is this subcommittee's jurisdiction, today's hearing focuses on border security – an important issue that Republicans have talked a lot about while actually doing very little.

Earlier this year, the Senate came together to produce a bipartisan border deal, but House Republicans blocked it. Republicans also voted to cap non-defense discretionary funding, cutting 2,400 CBP officers and agents.

It's clear that Republicans don't want policy solutions, they want a political issue. I hope in the 119th Congress my colleagues will be serious about working together on border security and immigration.

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