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The Honorable Joni Ernst
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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
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Dear Chair Ernst and Ranking Member Markey:

We write to express strong opposition to the inclusion of Luke Rosiak, a reporter from “The Daily Wire”, as the Majority witness during the hearing scheduled for May 20, 2026, titled, *Blowing the Whistle: Inside the Grift that Keeps Giving*. The Senate Majority has offered Mr. Rosiak as an expert witness and investigative reporter in multiple settings, conferring support for a perspective that is unmerited by the bias inherent in his public statements and the lack of substantive knowledge in his testimony.

In his May 20th testimony, ([Link](#)), Mr. Rosiak has mischaracterized a Medicaid homecare service providing long-term care support to family caregivers as fraudulent while primarily focusing attention on non-white program participants, as he has done in every appearance. Although there are too many aspects of Medicaid to discuss in this letter, Mr. Rosiak has indicated that his specialty is data evaluation, however, data refute his wholesale characterization of non-white Medicaid participants. Among those sentenced for healthcare fraud in 2024, 45% were white, 21% were Black, 15% were Hispanic, and 9% were of other races (Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, *The Truth About Medicaid Fraud* [Link](#) (2024)). Providers and businesses were most likely to commit Medicaid fraud, not beneficiaries (Id).

In addition to this mischaracterization of the Medicaid program, Mr. Rosiak’s testimony reflects a concerning lack of knowledge on caregiving or healthcare policy. Family caregiver support programs were established by the government to fill the gaps between the healthcare system and

uncompensated care. Over a decade, the AARP Foundation and MetLife have tracked the financial cost of providing family caregiver support. Family caregivers now provide over \$1.1 Trillion to the U.S. economy, if that unpaid care was compensated in the marketplace. Of the 63 million family caregivers, 10 million people over 50 years of age who care for parents, lose an estimated \$3 Trillion in wages, pensions, retirement funds, and benefits. Women lose an estimated \$324,044 due to caregiving when they drop out of the workforce or reduce their hours, (AARP [Link](#) (2026), MetLife [Link](#) (2011)). Twenty-nine percent of the U.S. population provide care for a relative. And while men increasingly provide care, 60% of family caregivers are women (Commonwealth Fund [Link](#) (2020)).

Family members that provide unpaid care spend roughly 26% of their income on care-related expenses (AARP 2021). The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis found in 2023 that caregiving is the primary driver of adults that do not work outside the home (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis [Link](#) *Who's Not Working: Behind the full-time caregivers leaving the workforce* (2023)).

Furthermore, the economic impact of caregiving is devastating. African American/Black and Hispanic/Latino caregivers more often experience negative financial shock from family caregiving, while having lower household income. (AARP and National Alliance for Caregiving. *Caregiving in the US* [Link](#) (2025)).

Mr. Rosiak's focus on Medicaid and non-white communities is not only superficial and unbalanced but lacks insight on the complexity of healthcare and the communities on which he so frequently comments. The racism inherent in Mr. Rosiak's frequent Senate appearances is unworthy of a Senate proceeding.

The Senate carries a unique constitutional responsibility to uphold democratic norms and protect the legitimacy of public institutions. Providing a national platform to an individual associated with racist views legitimizes discrimination and reinforces longstanding patterns in which false narratives about fraud have been weaponized to stigmatize minority communities and erode social protections.

Mr. Rosiak's association of non-white communities with fraud is a biased and uninformed political perspective. We commend Senator Markey's opposition to Mr. Rosiak's prior Senate appearances as a subject matter expert because Mr. Rosiak's presence undermines the integrity of Senate proceedings and erodes the principled deliberation that should guide all congressional inquiries.

At a moment when the nation continues to confront the consequences of racial polarization and disinformation, the Senate should seek testimony and expertise from individuals with a demonstrated record of integrity, fairness, professional competence, and respect for these values. Anything less weakens confidence in the Senate's commitment to impartial governance and equal justice under law.

We respectfully urge you to reject the consideration of this individual as a credible witness and instead ensure that Senate proceedings reflect the highest standards of ethics and accountability.

Sincerely,

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Immigration Law Center
National Urban League