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## Issa Unveils Oversight and Investigation Priorities

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The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform ("OGR"), chaired by Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), has prepared its two-year oversight plan for the 112th Congress. The OGR oversight plan is of particular interest because of the Committee's history of active oversight and investigations, as well as its broad jurisdictional reach across government agencies regulating every industry sector. OGR's full oversight plan is attached. Key areas of interest include:

- financial services regulations that could undermine economic recovery, including those promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;
- regulatory agencies whose failures were implicated in the financial crisis and those agencies that were created, or saw their powers expanded, by the Dodd-Frank Act;
- administration of the Troubled Asset Relief Program and the Home Affordable Modification Program;
- new developments concerning state and municipal financing and related pension funding issues;
- enforcement activities of the Federal Trade Commission, particularly with respect to false and deceptive advertising by mail and email, telemarketing, identity theft and privacy;
- improper government payments, including purchase card programs;
- waste and fraud in federal contracting, including stimulus funding;
- enforcement policy with respect to thousands of congressional referrals to federal prosecutors regarding potential Lobbying Disclosure Act violations;
- the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the Clean Air Act and enforcement and permitting decisions; and

- waste, fraud, and abuse in government-funded health programs, with special attention to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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