

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 14, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

We write to you today for the purpose of seeking answers to questions surrounding the origins of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, Members have attempted to get answers from public health officials to no avail. Officials, such as Dr. Fauci, have misled the public about the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) funding of gain-of-function research.¹ Similarly, the Biden Administration's supposed efforts to get answers on COVID-19's origins were unhelpful as its Intelligence Community declassified report was inconclusive. In fact, it states:

“The IC—and the global scientific community—lacks clinical samples or a complete understanding of epidemiological data from the earliest COVID-19 cases. If we obtain information on the earliest cases that identified a location of interest or occupational exposure, it may alter our evaluation of hypotheses.”²

Incidentally, EcoHealth Alliance, an organization that received millions of tax dollars for research, recently had its NIAID grant documents for coronavirus research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology revealed to the public.³ These documents show that the researchers and NIAID were aware of the risks of human infection due to its research with coronaviruses: “Fieldwork involves the highest risk of exposure to SARS or other CoVs, while working in caves with high bat density overhead and the potential for fecal dust to be inhaled. There is also some risk of exposure to pathogens...”⁴ Regardless, EcoHealth's President, Peter Daszak, organized a statement on behalf of Chinese researchers in February 2020 that stated its signatories “strongly condemned conspiracy theories suggesting that 2019-nCoV does not have a natural origin.”⁵ Further, in March 2021, Daszak made claims about SARS-CoV-2 suggesting that he had access or knowledge of the WIV viral sequence and sample database that was taken down in September 2019.⁶ This pattern of behavior raises serious concerns about the origin of the virus and the kinds of research funded by the American people.

¹ <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4962333/senator-paul-dr-fauci-clash-research-funding-wuhan-lab>

² <https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/Unclassified-Summary-of-Assessment-on-COVID-19-Origins.pdf>

³ <https://theintercept.com/2021/09/06/new-details-emerge-about-coronavirus-research-at-chinese-lab/>

⁴ <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21055989/understanding-risk-bat-coronavirus-emergence-grant-notice.pdf#page=134&zoom=auto,-265,792>

⁵ <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ORIGINS-OF-COVID-19-REPORT.pdf#page=52&zoom=auto,-265,657>

⁶ <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/ORIGINS-OF-COVID-19-REPORT.pdf#page=56&zoom=auto,-265,40>

The pandemic, and the national response to it, has decimated millions of lives and livelihoods. Lockdown measures resulted in thousands of businesses permanently closing their doors, students falling behind in school, and record amounts of Americans overdosing or falling into addiction, among numerous other mental health issues.⁷ Americans have also faced multiple COVID-19 mandates – most recently, President Biden’s broad employer vaccine mandate that will require certain businesses to require their employees to prove vaccination status – regardless of prior infection.⁸

This pandemic has impacted the life of every American. Investigating the origin and finding the truth of how this virus came to be is imperative to Congress doing everything we can to prevent this from happening again.

Congress has the authority and duty to get answers about the origins of this virus. Therefore, we urge you to do just that by directing the House committees of jurisdiction to gather evidence and testimony from public health officials who are involved in approving, conducting, or funding gain-of-function or related research; are in communication with researchers at the Wuhan Institute of Virology; or are U.S. public health officials.

Specifically, we urge you to direct committees of jurisdiction to issue subpoenas for:

- Dr. Peter Daszak, President of EcoHealth Alliance
- Dr. Anthony Fauci, NIAID Director
- Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Dr. Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner of the Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

Congress needs to do its job and pursue the truth wherever it leads.

Sincerely,



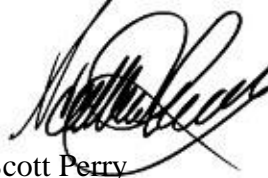
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⁷ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

⁸ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/covidplan/>

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