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The Honorable Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph. D.  
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9000 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, MD 20892

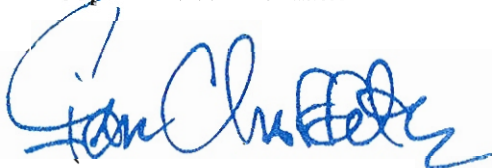
Dear Dr. Collins:

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has failed to respond to a series of requests for documents and information related to the Committee's oversight and investigative initiatives. The same challenges that have thus far prevented the Agency from complying with the Committee's requests may also be affecting the Agency's ability to fulfill its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

To help the Committee understand how and why NIH is unable to comply with document requests in a timely and complete manner, please provide a briefing for Committee staff and a tour of the Agency's resources for responding to document requests from Members of Congress and FOIA requests. The briefing and tour will assist the Committee's effort to identify ways by which the Agency can improve the timeliness and completeness of its responses to such document requests.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

Please have your staff contact Melissa Beaumont of Chairman Chaffetz' staff at (202) 225-5074 to schedule the briefing and tour, or with any questions about this request. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman

Sincerely,



Mark Meadows  
Chairman  
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Cynthia M. Lummis  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior

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cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Government Operations

The Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on the Interior