

# Congress of the United States

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Dear Dr. Andersen,

On January 31, 2020, at 10:32 p.m., you sent an email to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which has provided you with millions of dollars in taxpayer funded grants. The email stated:

[O]ne has to look really closely at all the sequences to see that some of the features (potentially) look *engineered* . . . Eddie [Holmes], Bob [Garry], Mike [Ferguson] and myself all find the genome inconsistent with evolutionary theory.<sup>1</sup>

On the evening of February 1, 2020, you and several other international virologists participated in a conference call with Dr. Fauci.<sup>2</sup> The American public does not know what happened on this call, as all emails pertaining to the content of the discussion have been redacted. But we do know what happened after.

On February 4, 2020, you sent an email to Dr. Peter Daszak, the Chief Executive Officer of EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.—another organization that had received millions of dollars in taxpayer grants from Dr. Fauci—stating:

The main crackpot theories going around at the moment relate to this virus being somehow *engineered* . . . and that is demonstrably not the case.<sup>3</sup>

In three days, with no explanation as to why, you flipped your perspective entirely and began calling a theory you lent credence to only days earlier a “crackpot theory.” It would appear the primary intervening event was the February 1 conference call with Dr. Fauci. We are very interested in understanding what happened on that call or what science came to light that caused

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<sup>1</sup> Email from Kristian Andersen to Anthony Fauci, et. al. (Jan. 31, 2020, 10:32 p.m.) (on file with Comm. staff) (emphasis added).

<sup>2</sup> Email from Jeremy Farrar to Anthony Fauci, et. al. (Feb. 1, 2020, 3:34 p.m.) (on files with Comm. staff) (emphasis added).

<sup>3</sup> Email from Kristian Andersen to Peter Daszak, et. al. (Feb. 4, 2020, 12:05 p.m.) (on file with Comm. staff).

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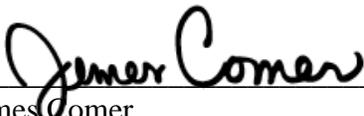
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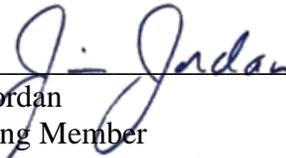
such a dramatic change in your own hypothesis as to the engineering of COVID-19. Therefore, we request a staff level briefing as soon as possible but no later than August 5, 2021.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Jim Jordan  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight and Reform  
The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary