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Dear Dr. Fauci:

On March 16, 2022, we wrote to you requesting your testimony at a March 30, 2022 hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis: The Biden Administration’s Progress in Combating the Pandemic and Plan for the Next Phase.”¹ You responded on March 28, 2022 that you are “always willing to testify before the Congress” but would “defer to Chairman Clyburn” and the “agreement of the [Biden] Administration.”² You have not publicly testified before the Committee on Oversight and Reform since March 12, 2020 or the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis since April 15, 2021.³ Therefore, you have not testified before us for 434 days.

Through the past year, in addition to public hearings, the Select Subcommittee has held 19 closed-door transcribed interviews regarding the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of your colleagues, such as Dr. Deborah Birx, Dr. Robert Redfield, Dr. Brett Giroir, Dr. Stephen Hahn, Dr. Robert Kadlec, Dr. Anne Schuchat, and Dr. Nancy Messonnier, have voluntarily sat for transcribed interviews. Interestingly, to date, Chairman Clyburn has not invited you testify in a transcribed interview.

We have many questions for you about the government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, we invite you to participate in a transcribed interview at your earliest convenience. The right of federal employees to speak with Members of Congress cannot be infringed by their employing agencies;⁴ therefore, our invitation is not dependent on permission from Chairman Clyburn or Chairwoman Maloney, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or the White House. The decision to sit for a transcribed interview is yours and yours alone.

¹ Letter from Hon. Steve Scalise, Ranking Member, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Crisis, H. Comm. On Oversight & Reform, to Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dir. Nat’l Inst. Of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat’l Insts. Of Health (Mar. 16, 2022).

² Letter from Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dir. Nat’l Inst. Of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, Nat’l Insts. Of Health, to Hon. Steve Scalise, Ranking Member, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Crisis, H. Comm. On Oversight & Reform (Mar. 28, 2022).

³ Newsroom, Congressional Testimony, NAT’L INST. OF ALLERGY & INFECTIOUS DISEASES (last accessed May 25, 2022).

⁴ See, e.g., U.S. Gov’t Accountability Office, B-325124.2, Department of Housing and Urban Development—Application of Section 713 of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2012 (Reconsideration) (Apr. 5, 2016).

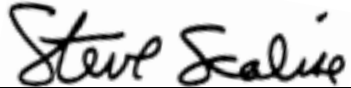
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To schedule your interview, please reach out to House Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican staff at (202) 225-5074. Once the interview is scheduled, the Majority staff will be invited to participate. Thank you for your attention to this important inquiry and for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
Select Subcommittee on the
Coronavirus Crisis



James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable James Clyburn, Chairman
Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Xavier Becerra, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services