

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

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April 24, 2023

His Excellency Qin Gang  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
in the United States of America  
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Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On April 14, 2023, we received an e-mail from a Counselor within your Embassy attempting to interfere in the Select Subcommittee's investigation.<sup>1</sup> This e-mail is attached as Appendix A. In it, your Counselor stated, "I am reaching out to *express our grave concern* regarding the COVID-19 Origins hearing...next Tuesday...*We firmly oppose it.*"<sup>2</sup> This type of interference is unacceptable and will not impede the Select Subcommittee's efforts. We encourage you to cease and, instead, cooperate with the numerous international investigations into the origins of COVID-19.

Further, your staff continues to say that "[China] would like to share...our perspectives on this issue."<sup>3</sup> These perspectives, while appreciated, are not based in fact. Honesty is non-negotiable and facts are not political.

Your staff says that science and scientists should be at the forefront of this investigation. Specifically stating that "origins-tracing is a complex matter of science" and that "this study should be and can only be conducted jointly by scientists."<sup>4</sup> We agree that science plays a key role in discovering the origins of COVID-19. As such, the Select Subcommittee is comprised of seven physicians on both sides of the aisle. Further, the Select Subcommittee has spoken to numerous scientists on either side of the debate and plans to continue to do so. The Select Subcommittee will continue to gather evidence, take testimony, and follow the facts.

Considering your position, we respectfully request you make scientists under your control available to the Select Subcommittee for in-person transcribed interviews, beginning with, but not limited to:

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<sup>1</sup> E-Mail from Li Xiang, Counselor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America, to Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic Staff (Apr. 14, 2023) (*emphasis added*).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

His Excellency Qin Gang

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1. **Dr. George Gao**  
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2. **Dr. Shi Zhengli**  
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3. **Dr. Ben Hu**  
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Wuhan Institute of Virology
4. **Dr. Chen Wei**  
Major General  
People's Liberation Army
5. **Dr. Huang Yanling (if alive)**  
Researcher  
Wuhan Institute of Virology


Continued stonewalling by China will not only harm the globe's ability to predict, prepare, protect, and prevent the next pandemic but will also—as your staff so eloquently said it—fail to promote “international solidarity.”

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M.  
Chairman



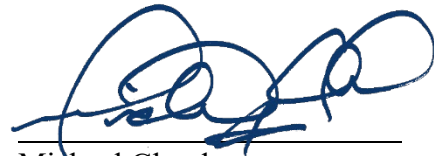
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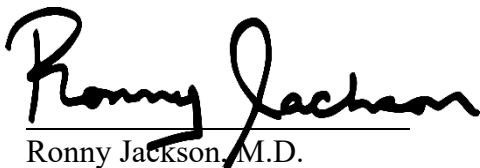
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cc: The Honorable Raul Ruiz, M.D., Ranking Member  
Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic