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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Director Wray:

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) has been investigating the origins of COVID-19 for more than a year. On February 27, 2023, we sent you a letter requesting documents within the Bureau's possession.¹ We have yet to receive unclassified documents responsive to this request. As an accommodation to the Bureau, this letter provides clarity and further scopes the original requests.

Since the Select Subcommittee's first letter, we have gathered new facts and information. Based on documents in possession of the Select Subcommittee, it has come to our attention that Special Agent [REDACTED] was in direct and ongoing communication with Dr. Ralph Baric, a professor at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and renowned corona-virologist. This communication was not just regarding threats Dr. Baric was receiving but also the substance of the origin debate and how UNC was responding to numerous North Carolina Freedom of Information Act requests. Pursuant to the Select Subcommittee's February 27, 2023 letter, we respectfully request an in person transcribed interview with Special Agent [REDACTED] on March 8, 2024.

In addition to testimony, we request the following documents and information as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2024. If the Bureau fails to make the witness available or misses this request deadline, we will be forced to evaluate the use of the compulsory process.

1. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.
2. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Health and Human Services, the National

¹ Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to Christopher Wray, Dir., Fed. Bureau of Investigation (Feb. 27, 2023).

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Institutes of Health, or the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.

3. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Executive Office of the President, including but not limited to the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Security Council, regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.
4. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and employees of EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. regarding origins of COVID-19, gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control from October 2019 through present.
5. All documents and communications between or among employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the following individuals regarding the origins of COVID-19, EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., gain-of-function research, enhanced Potential Pandemic Pathogen research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or the Wuhan Center[s] for Disease Prevention and Control:
 - a. Dr. Jeremy Farrar;
 - b. Dr. Kristian Andersen;
 - c. Dr. Robert Garry;
 - d. Dr. W. Ian Lipkin;
 - e. Dr. Edward Holmes;
 - f. Dr. Michael Farzan;
 - g. Dr. Christian Drosten;
 - h. Dr. Ron Fouchier;
 - i. Dr. Marion Koopmans;
 - j. Dr. Ralph Baric;
 - k. Dr. James LeDuc;
 - l. Dr. Victor Dzau; and
 - m. Dr. Lanying Du.

The Select Subcommittee is authorized to investigate “the origins of the Coronavirus pandemic, including but not limited to the Federal Government’s funding of gain-of function research” and “executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic” under H. Res. 5. To schedule the interview or ask any follow-up or related questions please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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Sincerely,



Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Chairman

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