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Dear Dr. Horton:

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic requests your testimony, or that of your U.S. based designee, at a hearing on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The title of the hearing is: “Academic Malpractice: Examining the Relationship Between Scientific Journals, the Government, and Peer Review.”

This hearing will examine the relationship between scientific journals and the federal government. According to documents released publicly via the Freedom of Information Act and those in the custody of the Select Subcommittee, scientific journals, including *The Lancet*, were in communication with federal government officials, including Drs. Francis Collins and Anthony Fauci, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. These documents raise questions regarding whether these journals granted the federal government inappropriate access into the scientific review or publishing process and whether the federal government censored or otherwise manipulated these processes.

To confirm your appearance at the hearing, please contact Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic staff at (202) 225-5074. Please provide your written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide a five-minute opening statement prior to answering questions posed by Members.

Pursuant to House Resolution 5, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic is authorized to investigate, among other things, “executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic.” H. Res. 5, § 4(a)(2)(A)(vii), 118th Cong. (2023). Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Chairman

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