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Dear Dr. Morens:

On June 29, 2023, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) requested information pertaining to your use of personal e-mail.¹ In response to that request, you voluntarily participated in a transcribed interview on January 18, 2024, and produced a portion of the requested documents on November 20, 2023.²

Since then, Select Subcommittee staff has repeatedly expressed concern to your counsel regarding the adequacy of your efforts to comply with the document requests. To take one example, it appears that you personally conducted the search of your own e-mail inbox. Further, there are documents the Select Subcommittee knows are in your custody that you have failed to produce, including some of the documents explicitly mentioned in the June 29 letter.

Originally, Select Subcommittee staff and your counsel attempted to reach an accommodation regarding a more robust search and production of documents. Unfortunately, after your transcribed interview, you abruptly ceased attempting to reach an agreement with the Select Subcommittee—despite repeated staff efforts to come to an agreement.

Your records are necessary to inform the Select Subcommittee's investigation of the origins of and the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and potential legislation. House Resolution 5 specifically authorizes the Select Subcommittee to investigate "the origins of the Coronavirus pandemic, including but not limited to the Federal Government's funding of gain-of function research," "executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic," and "cooperation by the executive branch and others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and others in connection with oversight of the preparedness

¹ Letter from Hon. Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M., Chairman, Select Subcomm. on the Coronavirus Pandemic, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability, to David Morens, M.D., Senior Scientific Advisor, Nat'l Inst. of Allergy & Infectious Diseases (June 29, 2023).

² On December 29, 2023, you also appeared for a voluntary transcribed interview. However, your fulsome testimony was blocked by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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for and response to the coronavirus pandemic.”³ House Resolution 5 also expressly authorizes the Committee on Oversight and Accountability to issue subpoenas returnable to the Select Subcommittee.⁴

Consistent with House Rule XI.2(m)(3)(A)(i), and Rule 12(g) of the Rules of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability has authorized the attached subpoena, compelling your production of certain documents and information by April 30, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Chairman

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

³ H. Res. 5 § 4(a)(2)(A)(i), (vii), (ix).

⁴ H. Res. 5, § 4(a)(3)(A)(ii).