

*Madison Cawthorn*  
11<sup>th</sup> District of North Carolina



*Congress of the United States*  
House of Representatives

January 12, 2022

The Honorable Lloyd Austin  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense, The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Rochelle Walensky, M.D.  
Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Austin, Director Walensky, and Secretary Becerra:

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in the United States from samples taken on January 18<sup>th</sup> in the state of Washington,<sup>1</sup> but for many of us, the pandemic truly started with “two weeks to stop the spread” announced on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Since then, Americans have endured lockdowns, the looming specter of infection and illness, and unprecedented medical mandates.

Now, nearly two years later, the question remains: What is the true origin of the Coronavirus, also known as SARS-CoV-2?

For the most part, our legacy media has not been much help, willfully neglecting to investigate the improbable claims of Chinese Communist Party (CCP) propagandists and mindlessly repeating bureaucratic talking points. Too often, our media uses headlines to sensationalize the mundane, allowing the pursuit of ratings to obscure the significant.

Media coverage of U.S. Senator Rand Paul’s intense questioning of Dr. Fauci stands as a classic example. The media portrayed this as mere interpersonal political conflict—irascible senator versus put-upon public servant.

---

1

<https://www.cdc.gov/museum/timeline/covid19.html#:~:text=January%2020%2C%202020%20CDC,18%20in%20Washington%20state.>

But there is much more to this story. Senator Paul's questions, countered by Dr. Fauci's smug, egocentric, and obfusatory responses, illuminated an issue that—if proven true—will be remembered as one of the biggest scandals in American history. Namely, whether the United States had—through its official medical apparatus—contributed to the creation of the Coronavirus by CCP scientists in the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Recently, new information has come to light, detailing just how this may have occurred and by what methods a cover-up may have evolved. These documents appear to substantiate not only Senator Paul's—and others'—critiques of Dr. Fauci, but also the cloud of suspicion that the frankly unbelievable bureaucratic answers to simple questions have generated over the last two years. Based on the evidence presented by leaked official documents, we demand answers to the following questions:

1. Was the DARPA report referenced in Project Veritas' video of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, actually “hidden in a top-secret share drive,” and if so, why?
2. What is the DARPA protocol for determining whether a report should be classified or unclassified? Further, who at DARPA is responsible for withholding release the original report detailing the issues with the proposed Ecohealth Alliance project?
3. If the inclusion of this report in a top-secret folder was a mistake, what is the DARPA protocol for ensuring that this type of mistake does not recur?
4. Did Dr. Fauci and/or NIAID fund Project DEFUSE at facilities in Wuhan and in the U.S. (as alleged by Major Joseph Murphy in a report to the Inspector General), even after DARPA rejected the idea because it came too close to violating regulations against gain of function research? Further, what facilities in the U.S. also participated in this research?
5. Millions of Americans suffered as curatives were hidden for unknown reasons. To what extent, if any, was there any attempt to suppress potential curatives identified in Major Murphy's report?
6. What is the extent of Ecohealth Alliance's collaboration with Wuhan Institute of Virology in the creation of SARS-CoV-2?
7. Did the NIH, NIAID, and/or Ecohealth Alliance change the definition of gain-of-function research with an eye to bypass the moratorium on gain-of-function research?
8. Do Dr. Fauci, NIH, and/or NIAID recognize the danger that “nebulous” definitions of gain-of-function research pose to international health?
9. Was Dr. Fauci party to or co-conspirator with any effort to mislead the American public? Was he aware of NIH funding of gain-of-function research and the true origins of the Coronavirus?

Answers to these questions are necessary to assign responsibility for a pandemic that has stolen the lives of many, deprived millions of schoolchildren of their education, and bankrupted small businesses. In our system of government, based on popular representation, honest answers are a must, forming the basis for accountability and preparation for other crises that may arise. In our capacity as members of the U.S. House of Representatives, we demand answers to restore faith in our institutions and organs of government, faith that has been tested by continued dissembling from those in charge. With honest, fact-based answers, we may collectively turn the page on this chapter of history and move forward. As Thomas Jefferson said, “honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.”

We look forward to your forthright, thorough, and timely response.



Madison Cawthorn  
Member of Congress



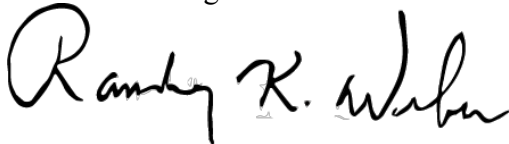
Bill Posey  
Member of Congress



Diana Harshbarger  
Member of Congress



Lisa McClain  
Member of Congress



Randy Weber  
Member of Congress



Matt Gaetz  
Member of Congress