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Sir Jeremy Farrar
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[TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL]

Dear Dr. Farrar:

As Ranking Member of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, I request your testimony at the Select Subcommittee's upcoming July 11, 2023, hearing. Select Subcommittee Republicans have called this hearing to examine baseless allegations that Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Francis Collins sought to suppress scientific discourse on the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹

On February 7, 2023, Select Subcommittee Republicans sent letters to Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, Dr. Michael Farzan, Dr. Robert Garry, and Dr. Kristian Andersen requesting documents and transcribed interviews regarding the drafting and publication of "The proximal origin of SARS-CoV-2" ("Proximal Origin").² Since then, the Select Subcommittee has reviewed thousands of pages of internal documents and conducted transcribed interviews with the four researchers. Over the course of this investigation, it has become abundantly clear that—contrary to Select Subcommittee Republicans' allegations—Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins had little to no involvement in the drafting and publication of the paper.

If Select Subcommittee Republicans were serious about having an objective discussion on the merits of the "Proximal Origin" paper and the process by which it was drafted and published, they would follow the facts of their own investigation—which have clearly shown that you helped to organize and facilitate the drafting and publication of the paper. Instead,

¹ Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, *Wenstrup to Hold Hearing with "Proximal Origins" Authors* (June 27, 2023) (online at <https://oversight.house.gov/release/wenstrup-to-hold-hearing-with-proximal-origins-authors%E2%82%AC%80%BC/>).

² Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Brad Wenstrup, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, to Dr. W. Ian Lipkin (Feb. 7, 2023); Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Brad Wenstrup, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, to Dr. Michael Farzan (Feb. 7, 2023); Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Brad Wenstrup, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, to Dr. Robert Garry (Feb. 7, 2023); Letter from Chairman James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and Chairman Brad Wenstrup, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, to Dr. Kristian Andersen (Feb. 7, 2023).

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Select Subcommittee Republicans are continuing to use the Select Subcommittee's far-reaching platform to vilify Dr. Fauci, Dr. Collins, and our Nation's scientists and public health experts at the expense of comprehensively, rigorously, and objectively evaluating the serious question of the novel coronavirus's origins.

If the Select Subcommittee is going to use its time and taxpayer dollars to focus on backward-looking investigations instead of forward-looking policy solutions to prevent and prepare for future pandemics, then it is critical that these hearings be objective and rooted in fact. For this reason, I request your testimony at the Select Subcommittee's upcoming hearing.

The Select Subcommittee's hearing will take place on July 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building. To confirm your appearance, please contact Democratic Select Subcommittee staff at (202) 225-5051 by July 10, 2023. Please provide your written testimony in advance of the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide a five-minute opening statement prior to answering questions posed by Members.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raul Ruiz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raul" and last name "Ruiz" clearly distinguishable.

Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D.
Ranking Member
Select Subcommittee on the
Coronavirus Pandemic