

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2023

Mr. Andrew Makridis
Former Chief Operating Officer
Central Intelligence Agency
[TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL]

Dear Mr. Makridis:

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic (Select Subcommittee) and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) (together “the Committees”) have received new and concerning whistleblower testimony regarding the Central Intelligence Agency’s (CIA) investigation into the origins of COVID-19. Specifically, the whistleblower pointed the Committees to a CIA led COVID Discovery Team(s) in which you played a central role in its formation and eventual conclusion that the CIA was “unable to determine” the origins of COVID-19.

These allegations, from a seemingly credible source, require the Committees to conduct further oversight of how the CIA handled its internal investigation into the origins of COVID-19. To assist the Committees with their investigations, we request you participate in a voluntary transcribed interview on September 26, 2023.

The Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic 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. Under House Rule X, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has jurisdiction over all intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the departments and agencies of the U.S. government.

Further, House Rule XI clause 2(m)(1)(B) grants Committees of the House of Representatives with the authority “to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents as it considers necessary.” Should the required information not be produced in an expeditious and satisfactory manner, you should expect the Committee, or Committees, to use its additional tools and authorities to satisfy our legislative and oversight requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Sincerely,



Brad Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Chairman
Select Subcommittee on the
Coronavirus Pandemic



Mike Turner
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence

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

The Honorable Jim Himes, Ranking Member
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence