

# United States Senate

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April 4, 2023

The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Secretary Becerra:

We write to follow up on requests for information regarding the origins of COVID-19 that remain outstanding. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has an obligation to be responsive to congressional requests for information.

Since May 2021, members of the U.S. Senate have sent letters to HHS requesting documents and information related to agency's activities and operations. To date, HHS has failed to provide the requested information.

For this reason, we reaffirm the following requests for information:

1. Complete and unredacted copies of all documents and communications responsive to the Washington Post's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request described in the June 1, 2021 article;
2. Complete and unredacted copies of all documents and communications responsive to BuzzFeed News' FOIA request as described in the June 1, 2021 article;
3. Complete and unredacted copies of all documents and communications responsive to Judicial Watch's FOIA request as described in the June 4, 2021 post;
4. Complete and unredacted copies of all documents and communications responsive to the following FOIA request IDs – 53801, 54064, 54085, 54086, 54087, 55004, 55006, 55007, and 55185;
5. A complete unredacted copy of Ping Chen's report on her visit to the WIV on October 24, 2017;
6. All unredacted communications referring or relating to Ping Chen's report on her visit to the WIV in October 2017;
7. A list of all members on the P3CO Review Group including the federal agencies for which such members work;
8. A full list of all P3CO experiments that have been reviewed, approved or denied;
9. All documents, meeting notes, and calendar dates of P3CO Review Group meetings;

10. A list of all gain of function research currently being funded by the U.S. taxpayer domestically and internationally, including location where the research is being performed;
11. Unredacted copies of any and all records excluded from production under 5 U.S.C. 522(c) with respect to FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS;
12. Unredacted copies of all potentially responsive records identified in the January 18, 2022 interim response in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS including, but not limited to, the pages released in part, the pages withheld in full, and the pages sent for consultation to others;
13. Unredacted copies of all potentially responsive records identified in the February 17, 2022 interim response in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS including, but not limited to, the pages released in part, the pages withheld in full, and the pages sent for consultation to others;
14. Unredacted copies of all potentially responsive records identified in the March 17, 2022 interim response in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS including, but not limited to, the pages released in part, the pages withheld in full, and the pages sent for consultation to others;
15. Unredacted copies of all potentially responsive records identified in the April 18, 2022 interim response in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS including, but not limited to, the pages released in part and the pages withheld in full;
16. Unredacted copies of all records produced in the May 2022 production in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS;
17. Unredacted copies of all potentially responsive records identified in the June 17, 2022 interim response in FOIA Request 2021-00251-FOIA-OS including, but not limited to, the pages released in part and the pages withheld in full;

We respectfully request you provide our offices with the status of each request no later than 5:00 PM on April 10, 2023.

Sincerely,

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