

Sen. Marshall's Path Forward on COVID-19 Origins Investigation



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President Biden and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines Must Release all Classified Information Going Back to at Least September 2019.

- a. The Senate passed legislation unanimously in May to declassify intelligence related to the Wuhan Institute of Virology following reports that researchers at the institute were hospitalized for illness.
- b. Unfortunately, the House has not prioritized advancing this legislation. 218 or more Members of the House should file a petition to discharge the bill which would immediately bring it to a vote.
- c. Congress should require the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to declassify intelligence and brief all relevant Congressional committees and Members' policy staff.

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Investigate the Viral DNA Sequencing Map, including the release of the China WIV data stored at the NIH National library of Medicine as well as all genomes used by the NIH-funded EcoHealth Alliance.

- a. NIH removed China's viral DNA bank from the Sequence Read Archive. EcoHealth Alliance also has a DNA bank funded by taxpayer dollars. Congress must do everything to acquire this important sequencing data.
- b. Congress must work with the administration to call on our global allies to call upon the Chinese Communist Party to release all relevant genomic and other data surrounding the Wuhan Institute of Virology and Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Hold all Nominees for Agencies and Departments that have failed to Provide Grant Application Information for Funds Given to EcoHealth Alliance.

- a. EcoHealth Alliance used taxpayer dollars to partner with scientists at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The company received more than \$60 million from multiple federal departments and agencies.
- b. The Senate should withhold confirming nominations until all relevant information is submitted to Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

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c. Congressional Chairs of Committees should subpoena all executive leaders of EcoHealth Alliance to testify before Congress regarding funding of the WIV and interactions with the Chinese Communist Party. If individuals refuse to testify, congressional chamber(s) should vote to issue a citation for contempt.

d. Congress should pass legislation that would improve the HHS' Office of the Inspector General oversight of NIH including compliance with federal requirements and NIH policies for grants and contracts.

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Enhance Congressional Oversight and Bipartisan Investigations

a. Congress must launch bipartisan and bicameral investigations across multiple Committees and consider the option of specific Select Committees to explore the origins of the virus.

b. Congress should subpoena printed and electronic communication of all relevant government officials, including Dr. Fauci, from September 2019 to January 2020. This includes the weeks and months leading up to the earliest cases on COVID-19 internationally.

c. Congress and appropriate oversight federal agencies should subpoena EcoHealth Alliance for all its genomic information and other relevant data regarding bat coronaviruses.

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Immediate Moratorium of Gain-of-Function and Other Potentially Pandemic Pathogens Research

a. Congress should pass legislation that would place this moratorium on all federal research grants involving risky research and also apply it to other federal dollars and resources made available to institutions carrying out this type of research.

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Impose Sanctions and Immigration Restraints on China

a. There is substantial evidence that COVID-19 was spreading throughout China in September or October of 2019. The Chinese intentionally misled America and the world about what they knew and slowed our response.

b. Moratorium on biological research and dual-use technology dollars to China.

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- c. Congress should pass legislation suspending H-2 visas for biological research and ending H-2 visas for Chinese citizens doing biological research to show how serious we are.
- d. Impose sanctions on Chinese officials involved in silencing doctors, journalists and other Chinese citizens who were sharing information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- e. Impose sanctions on Chinese health officials who blocked early access to information and investigations into the origin of the COVID-19 virus.
- f. Congress should consider legislation that would suspend certain clauses in the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to allow U.S. citizens to sue the Chinese Communist Party for wrongful death and damages.

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Fully Integrate National Security Agencies and the Department of Health and Human Services

- a. This pandemic has demonstrated the coordination shortfalls between our national security agencies and HHS.
- b. Congress should pass legislation that would fully integrate the agencies so they are communicating better, including program evaluation and further identification of gaps in interagency collaboration.

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Pursue a New Global Health Treaty

- a. The World Health Organization has demonstrated they are not capable of executing the mission to investigate the outbreak of COVID-19 and failed to carry out its mission in the earliest days of the pandemic.
- b. The U.S. should work with its allies and other willing partners that would form a new treaty on global health security.