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December 4, 2023

The Honorable Monica Bertagnolli, M.D.  
Director, National Institutes of Health  
9000 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Dear Director Bertagnolli,

I am writing regarding the National Institute of Health's (NIH) ongoing funding of EcoHealth Alliance (EHA).

Last month, the House voted unanimously in favor of my amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to cut NIH funding for a grant and cooperative awarded to the disgraced EHA.<sup>1</sup>

The National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) grant, "Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence," is the same one that Peter Daszak and EHA used to ship taxpayer dollars to the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) for gain-of-function research that scientific and intelligence experts believe caused COVID.<sup>2</sup> Despite this, EHA's obstruction of investigations into COVIDs origin and the HHS Inspector General's damning report documenting EHA's mismanagement of the grant and misuse of taxpayer dollars, the NIH renewed funding for this grant earlier this year and extended it until 2027.<sup>3</sup> The project has now raked in a total of \$4,325,005.

The other project my amendment defunds is a Cooperative Agreement awarded by NIAID titles, "Understanding Risk of Zoonotic Virus Emergence in EID Hotspots of Southeast Asia." The project description states that even more bat coronavirus hunting in Asia and lab research with "humanized mice."<sup>4</sup> This project has received \$6,021,451 in taxpayers' money to date and is scheduled to continue until 2025. The fact that it is a Cooperative Agreement denotes that NIAID is a very close collaborator on the project.

<sup>1</sup> "House Amendment 766." *Congress.gov*, 118th Congress, [www.congress.gov/amendment/118th-congress/house-amendment/766?s=a&r=45](http://www.congress.gov/amendment/118th-congress/house-amendment/766?s=a&r=45).

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Sadly, these two projects are just the tip of the iceberg. An analysis of federal spending data by watchdog group White Coat Waste Project shows that the U.S. government has forked over in excess of \$50 million to EHA just since the pandemic began on March 11, 2020.<sup>5,6</sup> **At least \$10 million of this funding was provided by the NIH.**

Most recently, in September 2023, EHA appeared as the co-recipient of a new \$1.69 million NIAID grant to build a new bat lab and breeding colony at Colorado State University.<sup>7</sup> NIH records show that EHA will capture bats in Bangladesh and import them to the US to be bred and used for, “experimental infection studies of Nipah virus, SARS-CoV-2 and the SARS-related coronavirus, RaTG13.”<sup>8</sup> According to the US State Department and other sources, RaTG13 is a coronavirus collected from wild horseshoe bats in China by Peter Daszak and WIV with U.S. funding that is 96.2% similar to SARS-CoV-2.<sup>9,10</sup> The virus strain is suspected of sickening and killing miners in the cave it was discovered in.

None of these projects should be funded. EHA does not deserve any taxpayer support after what happened in Wuhan and its years of empty promises of predicting and preventing pandemics and instead probably causing one.

Please provide the following information about NIH funding received by EHA:

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<sup>7</sup> Rodgers, Henry. "EXCLUSIVE: Scientist Tied To Wuhan Lab Now Using Taxpayer Cash To Do Bat Ebola Experiments In America, Watchdog Finds." *Daily Caller*, 15 Nov. 2023, <https://dailycaller.com/2023/11/15/wuhan-institute-virology-colorado-state-bat-ebola-nih-niaid-taxpayer-money/>.

<sup>8</sup> "Establishment of a Bat Resource for Infectious Disease Research." *NIH Reporter*, National Institutes of Health, <https://reporter.nih.gov/search/D--6qpL4Gks45TwBaLxU0g/project-details/10495114>

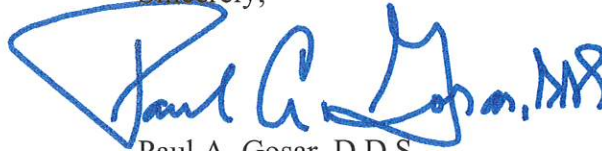
<sup>9</sup> Fact Sheet: Activity at the Wuhan Institute of Virology." *United States Department of State*, U.S. Department of State, <https://2017-2021.state.gov/fact-sheet-activity-at-the-wuhan-institute-of-virology/>.

<sup>10</sup> "U.S. Funded Discovery of Close COVID-19 Relative." *U.S. Right to Know*, <https://usrtk.org/covid-19-origins/us-funded-discovery-of-close-covid-19-relative/>

3. **EHA collaborators:** For all active projects, please list all EHA collaborators and their affiliations and denote those who, like WIV, are receiving taxpayer funding via subgrants or other payouts and how much tax money they've received.
4. **Research in foreign countries:** What foreign countries is the NIH currently funding EHA to conduct research in?
5. **Gain-of-function research:** Do any active projects involving EHA entail gain-of-function research? Would the NIH allow EHA to engage in gain-of-function research?

Please abide by all rules and regulations when fulfilling this request. I look forward to your comprehensive response by December 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

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December 4, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Austin,

I am writing regarding the Department of Defense's (DOD) ongoing funding of EcoHealth Alliance (EHA).

Last month, the House voted unanimously in favor of my amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to cut funding for two National Institutes of Health grants awarded to the disgraced EHA for more unnecessary and dangerous bat coronavirus hunting in Asia and lab research with "humanized mice."<sup>1</sup>

Sadly, these two projects are just the tip of the iceberg. An analysis of federal spending data by watchdog group White Coat Waste Project shows that the U.S. government has forked over in excess of \$50 million to EHA just since the pandemic began on March 11, 2020.<sup>2,3</sup> **At least \$27 million of this taxpayer funding was provided to EHA by the DOD, including from accounts related to "Combating or Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction."**

The DOD has continued funding EHA despite experts' belief that its reckless gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) caused COVID, EHAs obstruction of investigations into COVIDs origin, and a damning Health and Human Services Inspector General report documenting EHA's mismanagement of the NIH grant that funded WIV and misuse of taxpayer dollars.<sup>4,5</sup>

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EHA does not deserve any taxpayer support after what happened in Wuhan and its years of empty promises of predicting and preventing pandemics and instead probably causing one.

Please provide the following information about DOD funding received by EHA:

1. **Total taxpayer funding to EHA:** How much total taxpayer funding has the DOD awarded to EHA including through grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, sub-awards and other funding vehicles? Please provide a complete accounting by year, and for each year list all project titles with their project numbers, project abstracts, countries involved, and cost to taxpayers each year.
2. **Actively funded projects:** Please list all active projects--including grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, sub-awards and other funding vehicles--on which EHA is a PI, Co-PI or otherwise involved and receiving taxpayer dollars.
3. **WMD research:** Please specifically describe EHA's work in relation to DOD programs "Combating or Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction."
4. **EHA collaborators:** For all active projects, please list all EHA collaborators and their affiliations and denote those who, like WIV, are receiving taxpayer funding via subgrants or other payouts and how much tax money they've received.
5. **Research in foreign countries:** What foreign countries is the DOD currently funding EHA to conduct research in?
6. **Gain-of-function research:** Do any active projects involving EHA entail gain-of-function research? Would the DOD allow EHA to engage in gain-of-function research?

I look forward to your comprehensive response by December 15, 2023.

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December 4, 2023

The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan, Ph.D.  
Director  
National Science Foundation  
2415 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Director Panchanathan:

I am writing regarding the National Science Foundation's (NSF) ongoing funding of EcoHealth Alliance (EHA).

Last month, the House voted unanimously in favor of my amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to cut funding for two National Institutes of Health grants awarded to the disgraced EHA for more unnecessary and dangerous bat coronavirus hunting in Asia and lab research with "humanized mice."<sup>1</sup>

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NSF has continued funding EHA despite experts' belief that its reckless gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) caused COVID, EHAs obstruction of investigations into COVIDs origin and a damning Health and Human Services Inspector General report documenting EHA's mismanagement of the NIH grant that funded WIV and misuse of taxpayer dollars.<sup>4,5</sup>

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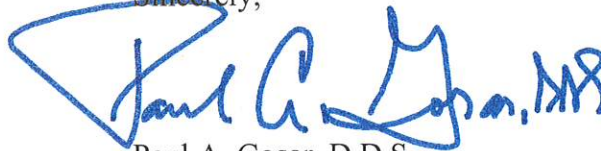
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4. **Research in foreign countries:** What foreign countries is NSF currently funding EHA to conduct research in?
5. **Gain-of-function research:** Do any active projects involving EHA entail gain-of-function research? Would NSF allow EHA to engage in gain-of-function research?

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Samantha Power  
Administrator  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Power,

I am writing regarding the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) ongoing funding of EcoHealth Alliance (EHA).

Last month, the House voted unanimously in favor of my amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to cut funding for two National Institutes of Health grants awarded to the disgraced EHA for more unnecessary and dangerous bat coronavirus hunting in Asia and lab research with "humanized mice."<sup>1</sup>

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USAID has continued funding EHA despite experts' belief that its reckless gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV)—funded in part by your agency—caused COVID, EHA's obstruction of investigations into COVID's origin and a damning Health and Human Services Inspector General report documenting EHA's mismanagement of the NIH grant that funded WIV and misuse of taxpayer dollars.<sup>4,5</sup>

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