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July 9, 2014

Dr. Thomas Frieden
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Dr. Frieden:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee is examining an incident last month at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) involving the handling of anthrax specimens. As part of its oversight and in preparation for an upcoming hearing, the Committee is gathering pertinent background information and documents related to biosafety issues and the CDC laboratories.

To assist the Committee's inquiry, please respond to the following questions and provide the following documents and information by July 10, 2014:

1. Provide a copy of the CDC lab inspection conducted and led by the Canadian public health agency, along with information regarding who paid for the inspection, and whether there was any memorandum or agreement with the Canadian government with regard to this inspection?
2. Provide copies of USDA APHIS-led inspections of CDC laboratories.
3. Provide copies of CDC-led inspections of CDC labs conducted since October 2007.
4. How many suspected exposures to select agents and/or toxins have been reported at CDC since October 2007? How many actual exposures to select agents and/or toxins have been reported at CDC since October 2007?
5. How many entities have been issued certificates allowing work with select agents and how many staff have active security risk assessment approvals to have access to select agents? How many CDC staff have active security risk assessment approvals to have access to select agents?

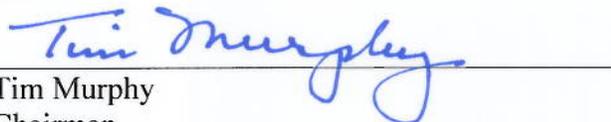
6. How many surprise inspections have been conducted at CDC labs since October 2007?
7. How much did CDC spend on research related to select agents and toxins in FY 2013?
8. How much did CDC spend on regulating select agents and toxins in FY 2013?
9. How much did CDC spend on the Bioterror Rapid Response and Advanced Technology (BRRAT) Laboratory in FY 2013?
10. What has been the cost so far from closing the BRRAT Laboratory as a result of the recent lab incident?

We further request that two copies of documents be provided to the Committee, one for the Majority and one for the Minority. Your prompt assistance is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Slobodin of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

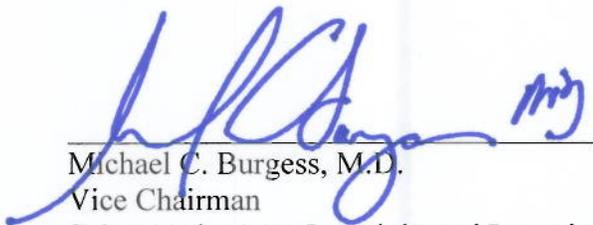
Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations



Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Vice Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Member
The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
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