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July 9, 2014

The Honorable Daniel Levinson
Inspector General
Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, DC

Dear General Levinson,

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. It is my understanding that the OIG has conducted several audits relating to safety and security of CDC laboratories and select agents.

To assist the Committee, please provide by July 10, 2014 the following:

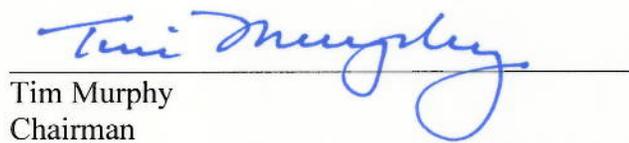
1. Copies of HHS Inspector General audits conducted from October 2007 through present on issues and vulnerabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to select agent regulations.

We further request that two copies 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,



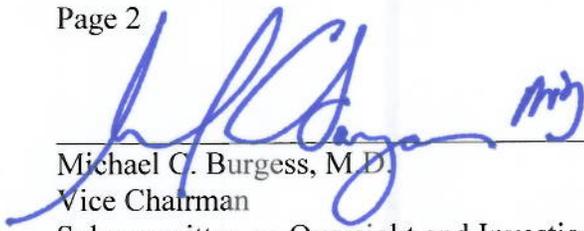
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Letter to the Honorable Daniel Levinson

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Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Vice Chairman
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cc: The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Member
The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
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