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Dear Dr. Frieden:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is continuing its investigation into high-containment laboratories. In response to a July 28, 2014 committee request letter, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) reported in a September 17, 2014 letter that in February 2012 several instances of inappropriately stored anthrax were found in locations unregistered with the Federal Select Agent Program. The NIH also reported that the CDC Division of Select Agents and Toxins (DSAT) was notified about the inappropriately stored anthrax.

Committee staff has recently confirmed with CDC staff that the CDC DSAT investigated the improperly stored anthrax and made a referral to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspection General (OIG) in April 2012. CDC's findings and the oversight of this matter is pertinent to an upcoming hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

To assist the Committee in its continuing oversight, please produce the referral and any other documents that the CDC DSAT sent to the HHS OIG related to the instances of inappropriately stored anthrax found in 2012. Please also produce any documents that the CDC sent to the NIH related to the instances of inappropriately stored anthrax found in 2012. Given the committee's preparations needed for the upcoming hearing, please produce these documents by April 5, 2016.

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An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Alan Slobodin with the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Upton", is written over a horizontal line.

Fred Upton
Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member

Attachment