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Dr. Gerald W Parker, Jr, DVM, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Parker:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on February 1, 2023, at the hearing entitled "Challenges and Opportunities to Investigating the Origins of Pandemics and Other Biological Events."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on March 9, 2023. Your responses should be mailed to Lauren Eriksen, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [lauren.eriksen@mail.house.gov](mailto:lauren.eriksen@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



H. Morgan Griffith  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Representative Kathy Castor, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

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**The Honorable Dr. Burgess**

Dr. Parker, you spoke to your experience during the anthrax outbreaks and subsequent investigations. You shared your frustration with interagency coordination, and we have seen this same incoordination during the COVID-19 response and investigations.

1. What can Congress do to promote increase interagency coordination when investigating serious public health incidents?

A simple yes or no please.

2. In your professional experience, could we have known the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic by March of 2020?