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Hon. H. Morgan Griffith
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Griffith:

Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2023, in which you asked for a response to a follow up question from Rep. Dr. Burgess relating to my testimony to the Subcommittee on February 1, 2023.

I thank the Subcommittee once again for asking me to testify on this important topic.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Imperiale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael J. Imperiale, Ph.D.
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

Dr. Burgess' question is:

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

My response is:

Based on the information available at that time, no.