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Lauren Eriksen, Legislative Clerk
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Eriksen:

I submit this letter in response to a question for the record submitted by Representative Michael Burgess for a February 1, 2023 hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations entitled “Challenges and Opportunities to Investigating the Origins of Pandemics and Other Biological Events.”

The question states: “A simple yes or no please. 1. In your professional experience, could we have known the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic by March of 2020?”

My response: No.

If you should have any further questions regarding this response, please contact Melissa Hopkins of my team at melissa.hopkins@jhu.edu.

Sincerely,

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