

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

**Subcommittee on Health
Hearing on
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The Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL)

1. Mr. Bowen – In a typical year, how many masks are procured in the U.S. and where do we stand today in comparison (a rough estimate is fine)? **I don't know the answer to either of those questions.**
 - A. How has the pandemic adjusted procurement strategies and has this increased risk? **There is chaos in the market. The demand is many times greater than the supply. People are buying masks from where ever and whom ever they can.**
 - B. Do all of Prestige Ameritech products run the same risk of being counterfeited or price gouged? **We've been impersonated in scams, but I've not seen our products actually counterfeited. With the exception of the masks that we sold to the government ten years ago – and the government auction to people who later price gouged, we haven't seen price gouging on our products. This is because our distributors are reputable.**
 - b) If not, which of your products carry the most risk?
2. Does Prestige Ameritech partner with consumer groups or other health care stakeholders to educate them on what scams to look out for and how to report it back to your company? **Prestige Ameritech is currently working with the FBI to stop the scammers who are pretending to work for Prestige Ameritech. Agent Christine Edson is assigned to our cases.**