

# United States Senate

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Christopher Wray  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

Director Wray:

We write to request a meeting to discuss the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) work investigating the origins of SARS-CoV-2. According to public comments you made on February 28, 2023, "[t]he FBI has for quite some time now assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan."<sup>1</sup>

We understand that the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate (WMDD) is investigating issues directly related to the origins of COVID-19 on behalf of the FBI. On April 20, 2023, we formally requested to meet with the Assistant Director of WMDD to discuss the Bureau's work. To date, we have not received a response regarding our request.

As Ranking Members of committees with relevant oversight jurisdiction, information about the FBI's work is critical to our inquiry into the federal government's efforts to identify the origins of COVID-19 and evaluation of potential legislation to protect our national security.

For this reason, we respectfully request in-person meetings with Assistant Director of WMDD to discuss the Directorate's work on behalf of the Bureau. Please provide our offices availability for this meeting no later than June 27, 2023.

We look forward to learning more about the FBI's work on this critical national security issue.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary



Rand Paul, M.D.  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
& Governmental Affairs

Enclosure: April 20, 2023 Letter from Ranking Members Graham and Paul

<sup>1</sup> Adam Sabes, *FBI Director says COVID pandemic 'most likely' originated from Chinese lab*, fox news (Mar. 1, 2023, 2:27 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/fbi-director-says-covid-pandemic-most-likely-originated-chinese-lab>.