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**House of Representatives**

SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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**MEMORANDUM**

April 26, 2024

**To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic**

**From: Select Subcommittee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “A Hearing with the President of EcoHealth Alliance, Dr. Peter Daszak”**

On **Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “A Hearing with the President of EcoHealth Alliance, Dr. Peter Daszak.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the debate regarding the risks and benefits of a type of high-risk research, specifically gain-of-function research, involving enhanced potential pandemic pathogens. Prior to the pandemic, the public was largely unaware of the existence of this area of research, let alone the fact that they were funding it.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine EcoHealth Alliance’s actions throughout the HHS grant approval process. Additionally, this hearing will examine various statements made by Dr. Daszak regarding the type of research that was conducted, and how to best proceed with U.S. funding of gain-of-function research.

**III. WITNESS:**

**Peter Daszak, Ph.D.**

President

EcoHealth Alliance