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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you draft the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you include the following language to defund Dr. Anthony Fauci's dangerous new U.S. bat virus laboratory:

*None of the funds made available by this or any other Act thereafter may be used for—*

- (1) NIH grant AI165424 of the National Institutes of Health titled “Establishment of a Bat Resource for Infectious Disease Research”; or*
- 2) NIH grant OD032019 of the National Institutes of Health titled “Establishment of the Bat Resource Center for the Study of Zoonotic Diseases.”*

Records obtained by the White Coat Waste Project exposed how under the Biden-Harris Administration, Dr. Fauci and former NIH Director Francis Collins—who both conspired to cover-up the Wuhan lab leak—began funding the construction of a new U.S. bat virus laboratory at Colorado State University.<sup>1,2</sup> The NIH grants for this project have received over \$9 million in taxpayers' money to date and are scheduled to be funded through 2028.<sup>3,4,5</sup>

Internal NIH records show that the project was conceived by the disgraced, and now debarred, Wuhan lab partner EcoHealth Alliance.<sup>6</sup> The widely-opposed Fauci-funded plan calls for the importation of hundreds of bats from Asia to CSU for use in “experimental infection studies” with viruses like COVID, Ebola, Nipah and other deadly pathogens in collaboration with Wuhan-tied researchers at CSU and NIAID’s Rocky Mountain

<sup>1</sup> Lardieri, Alexa. (2023, November 10) “Exclusive: America’s Frightening New Bat Lab: \$12M Taxpayer-funded NIH Research Facility in Colorado Will Import Bats from Asia and Infect Them with Deadly Disease – In Project with China-linked Scientists.” *Daily Mail*. ([Article](#))

<sup>2</sup> Nerozzi, Timothy H.J. (2024, July 3) “NIH’s Bat Vivarium for Virology Studies in Colorado Sparks Concern from Residents, Academics.” *Fox News*. ([Article](#))

<sup>3</sup> Schountz, William A. Establishment of a Bat Resource for Infectious Disease Research. Colorado State University. 2024, September 13. Project Number: 5R24AI165424-02. ([Project Details](#))

<sup>4</sup> Ebel, Gregory David. Establishment of the Bat Resource Center for the Study of Zoonotic Diseases. Colorado State University. 2021, September 20. Project Number: 1C06D032019-01. ([Project Details](#))

<sup>5</sup> McDonald, Allison. (2025, February 27) “NIH Continues to Waste Millions Building ‘Wuhan West’ Bat Lab at Colorado State University.” White Coat Waste Project. ([Blog](#))

<sup>6</sup> Rodgers, Henry. “Exclusive: Scientist Tied to Wuhan Lab Now Using Taxpayer Cash to Do Bat Ebola Experiments in America, Watchdog Finds.” (2023, November 15) *Daily Caller*. ([Article](#))

Laboratory.<sup>7</sup> Documents also show that CSU has a long history of dangerous lab accidents with bats and other animals.<sup>8</sup>

Establishing another Fauci-funded bat virus lab, this one on U.S. soil, is unnecessary, reckless and a recipe for disaster.

We urge you to include the language above in the FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill to ensure no more taxpayer dollars are wasted to fund Fauci's new bat lab. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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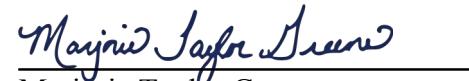
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<sup>7</sup> Lieberman, John P. and Goodman, Justin. "Congress Must Shelve EcoHealth's U.S. Bat Lab Plan for Good." (2024, June 18) *Washington Times*. ([Article](#))

<sup>8</sup> Lardieri, Alexa. "Staff at Taxpayer-funded Colorado Virus Lab Were Bitten by Covid-infected Hamsters and Disease-ridden Bats in Shocking Spate of Accidents, Exclusive Documents Show." (2024, March 25) *Daily Mail*. ([Article](#))