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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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The Honorable Jay Bhattacharya
Director
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
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RE: Ongoing NIH Coronavirus and Ebola Live Bat Research at Rocky Mountain Laboratories

Secretary Kennedy and Director Bhattacharya:

As a follow-up to the letter Senator Joni Ernst and I sent in January of this year concerning dangerous bat virus research at the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Rocky Mountain Laboratories (RML) in Hamilton, Montana, I am writing again regarding the alarming U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) charge, whistleblower allegations, and media reports about recent international pathogen smuggling, biosafety breaches, and related cover-ups associated with dangerous animal research tied to Dr. Anthony Fauci's RML. **To protect national security interests and rein in federal waste, fraud, and abuse, I urge HHS and NIH to conduct an immediate safety stand-down at RML to pause all research activities and permanently wind down this facility's operations.**

Anthony Fauci may have left the NIH, but his shameful legacy lives on. On June 2, 2026, the DOJ Eastern District of Michigan charged two foreign-born NIH RML researchers, Dr. Vincent Munster and Dr. Claude Kwe, with "conspiracy to smuggle monkeypox" samples from the Republic of Congo "into the United States and providing false statements to federal law enforcement."¹

According to an undated and unsigned whistleblower letter recently received by the non-profit government watchdog, White Coat Waste, and shared with my office, in January of this year, the whistleblower alleged that the NIH was aware of this smuggling for months prior to the DOJ's investigation and proceeded to cover it up. The letter states that, "The NIH powers did not inform the RML campus and went into full coverup mode."² Munster has since been quietly removed from the HHS directory, and the smuggling incident is under investigation.

¹ "Feds Charge Foreign Nationals Working at the National Institutes of Health with Smuggling Monkeypox into the United States and Lying About It." (2026, June 2) *U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan*. ([Press Release](#))

² McCarney, Meg. (2026, May 7) "Exclusive: Whistleblower Alleges NIH in 'Full Coverup Mode' Over Monkey Bite, Virus Smuggling Scandals (Updated)." *White Coat Waste*. ([Article](#))

The whistleblower letter further alleges that an RML lab accident first reported by White Coat Waste in January 2026 involving a lab staffer being exposed to an Ebola-like virus, was caused by a monkey bite and that the incident was also covered up. The letter states: “These decisions have come from the main NIH campus in Bethesda.”³

Another incident involving the theft, loss, or release of a select agent or toxin occurred at RML in February 2026 as well, though no additional details are yet available about that event, which further highlights NIH’s secrecy about dangerous accidents that could impact its staff, surrounding community, and the health of the entire country.⁴

I warned about Ebola and the RML in my January 12, 2026, letter.⁵ **This lab is breeding and experimenting on bats with Zoonotic viruses, including SARS, coronavirus, and Ebola.** Specifically, Dr. Munster and Dr. Kwe’s research included how monkeypox can “cross the species barrier.”⁶

NIH’s problems with biosafety and rogue animal researchers are not isolated to RML. In March 2025, the NIH paused research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) U.S. Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) Integrated Research Facility (IRF) at Fort Detrick, which conducts deadly Ebola and coronavirus research, due to immediate biosafety concerns that caused Director Bhattacharya’s “blood to chill.”⁷

Ralph Baric of UNC-Chapel Hill is retiring and faces debarment from federal funding for his “pattern of deception” and not being “forthcoming” on his previous bat coronavirus gain-of-function research.⁸ A grand jury indicted Dr. David Morens, Fauci’s former right hand, for conspiracy to hide government documents related to the origin of COVID.⁹ **These Fauci-connected individuals’ malfeasance proves a dangerous pattern of rogue scientists abusing taxpayer dollars for heinous animal experimentation.**

Earlier this year, Dr. Bhattacharya and colleagues wrote, “On pandemic preparedness, no matter one’s position on the origin of SARS-CoV-2, NIAID’s work clearly neither prevented the pandemic nor prevented Americans from suffering among the highest levels of all-cause excess mortality in the developed world during that time.”¹⁰ In fact, Fauci’s NIAID-funded gain-of-function animal research in Wuhan, China, likely caused it. Yet, under the guise of “pandemic preparedness” and “biodefense,” Fauci’s RML continues to conduct dangerous animal experiments with some of the deadliest pathogens on earth—including Ebola, Marburg, hantaviruses, plague, Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever, Nipah, and other bioagents with up to 90 percent fatality rates in humans.¹¹

³ (2026, May 7) *White Coat Waste*.

⁴ McCarney, Meg. (2026, May 12) “WCW Exposes Accidents with Deadly Viruses at NIH Animal Lab (Updated).” *White Coat Waste*. ([Article](#))

⁵ U.S. Congress, Bicameral. “NIH Live Bat Research.” 119th Cong., 2nd sess.

⁶ (2026, June 2) *U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Michigan*.

⁷ (2025, May 12) “Just the News, No Noise with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya and Clare Lopez.” *Real America’s Voice*. ([Video](#))

⁸ Cohen, Jon. (2026, May 12) “Virologist Accused of Starting COVID-19 will Fight U.S. Ban on Funding.” *American Association for the Advancement of Science*. ([Article](#))

⁹ (2026, April 28) “Former Senior NIAID Official Indicted for Concealing Federal Records During COVID-19 Pandemic. *U.S. Department of Justice*. ([Press Release](#))

¹⁰ Taubenberger, J., Powers, J., & Bhattacharya, J. (2026, January 16) “The New Vision from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) *Nature Medicine*. ([Article](#))

¹¹ Dacey, Richard. Influenza and Emerging Infectious Disease. NIAID. 2025. Project Number: 1ZIAAI000984-19. ([Project Details](#))

Secretive NIH monkey lab accidents and virus smuggling scandals sound like something ripped straight from Anthony Fauci's playbook, yet somehow this dangerous madness is still happening years after his disgraceful exit from government. It is likely due in part to the fact that so many NIH staffers are holdovers from Dr. Fauci's tenure, and some are his former close colleagues involved in gain-of-function and the COVID lab leak cover-up. Fauci helped create a culture of deception, recklessness, and zero accountability that put Americans at risk and eroded public trust in our health institutions. The whistleblower's allegations about RML reflect that.¹²

In March of this year, I submitted a request with 11 Republican colleagues for the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill that would condition new NIH spending on the elimination of all Fauci-era programs, like those at RML. It should not take an act of Congress to make NIH exercise its authority to end these disastrous and deadly Fauci-approved animal research programs and fire the bad actors who facilitated them. While I appreciate the response provided on April 2, 2026, HHS and the NIH have neglected to answer all my questions.

It is alarming that the American People received unidentified aerial phenomenon (UAP) transparency before HHS and NIH can blow the whistle on Fauci-era live bat research. I must ask, why? This corruption is an infection that cannot be contained in a vial. I respectfully request the following information that was excluded from the Director's April 2, 2026, response:

- Did the United States fund live bat research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, directly or indirectly?
- A full list of NIH **interagency** grants, contracts, subawards, cooperative agreements, funding or research, or any other taxpayer-funded project that relate to live bats and was funded during any of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, and/or 2020, or is currently funded, soon to be funded, and/or approved and not yet funded. Please include the NIH records, reports, and/or communication related to each study and/or experiment and include the year it was proposed and/or funded. Please also include the Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) of each study/experiment's application, a record of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee's approval, and the Animal Welfare Assurance Number.
- A full list of NIH **intramural** funding that relates to live bats and was funded during any of the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, and/or 2020, or is currently funded, soon to be funded, and/or approved and not yet funded. Please include the NIH records, reports, and/or communication related to each study and/or experiment and include the year it was proposed and/or funded. Please also include the Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) of each study/experiment's application, a record of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee's approval, and the Animal Welfare Assurance Number.

¹² (2026, May 7) *White Coat Waste*.

I urge you to reject Fauci's corruption and deliver on President Donald J. Trump's promises for "radical transparency."¹³ Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

¹³ President Donald J. Trump. (2025, February 18) "Memorandum on Radical Transparency About Wasteful Spending." ([Memo](#))