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July 24, 2007

The Honorable Elias Zerhouni, M.D.
Director
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Dear Dr. Zerhouni:

Under Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are examining the adequacy of the ethics programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In the context of this oversight, there is bipartisan interest in NIH's review of ethics matters involving Dr. David Schwartz, Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. According to Committee staff discussions with NIH staff, there have been several allegations and/or concerns involving the ethical conduct of Dr. Schwartz that have come to the attention of the NIH Office of the Director. Please provide, within two weeks of the date of this request, all records relating to the ethics of Dr. Schwartz's conduct of his duties at NIH, including all financial disclosure reports, requests for outside activities, waivers, records relating to recusal, and review by the NIH Ethics Advisory Committee or any other kind of NIH review.

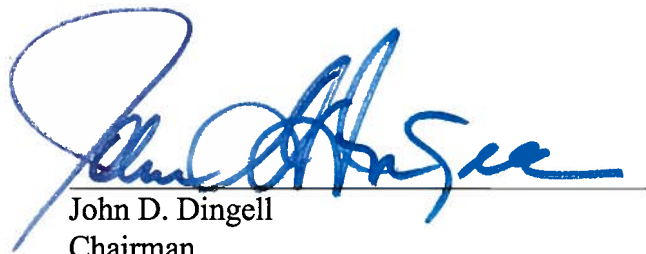
Please note that, for the purpose of responding to these requests, the terms "records" and "relating" should be interpreted in accordance with the attachment to this letter.

Your cooperation with this request is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us, or have your staff contact David Nelson with the Majority Committee staff at (202) 226-2424 or Alan Slobodin with the Minority Committee staff at (202) 225-3641.

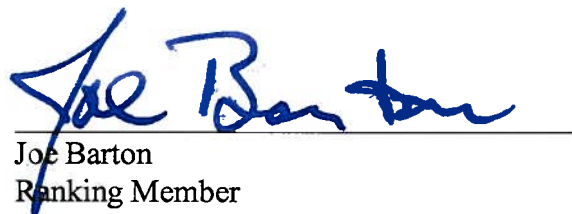
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