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The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Paul:

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I write to thank you for your leadership of the Committee's investigation into Dr. Anthony Fauci and the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Few questions matter more to the American people than how their government performed during that crisis, and few members of Congress have pursued those questions with your persistence.

Like many Oklahomans, I was deeply disappointed by Dr. Fauci's refusal to cooperate with the Committee at its July 29 hearing. Despite holding an unconditional presidential pardon, Dr. Fauci invoked the Fifth Amendment more than one hundred times and declined to answer even the most straightforward questions about his conduct. All Americans deserve honest answers about the federal response to the pandemic: its origins, the policies imposed in its name, and the truthfulness of the officials who imposed them. As Oklahoma's own Senator James Lankford observed at the hearing, "There are a lot of issues and a lot of questions that have come up, and hopefully in some day in the future, we'll be able to get all this clarity."¹ That day is overdue.

I was likewise appalled by the contents of Dr. Fauci's pandemic-era diary, which you released last week. Those entries appear to contradict, in material respects, statements Dr. Fauci made to Congress and to the American public while he directed the nation's pandemic response. The gap between what Dr. Fauci wrote privately and what he told the country publicly warrants full examination.

I recognize that the Supremacy Clause reserves to the federal government the primary responsibility for holding federal officials accountable for the exercise of their federal duties. But the Supremacy Clause is a shield for the lawful execution of federal office, not a license to violate state law. The diary entries released last week have led me to question whether Dr. Fauci's actions rise to the level of independent state law crimes, such as criminal fraud or conspiracy to defraud

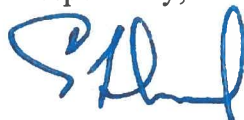
¹ Testimony of Anthony Fauci: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, 119th Cong. (July 29, 2026) (statement of Sen. James Lankford), as reported in Dr. Anthony Fauci Invokes 5th in COVID Hearing, Citing Rand Paul's "Unhinged Obsession with Me," CBS News (July 29, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/anthony-fauci-rand-paul-covid-origins-senate/>.

the State. Accordingly, I have instructed my office to open an investigation to determine whether any Oklahoma laws were violated in connection with these matters. If your committee is in possession of any evidence that indicates that Dr. Fauci may have violated State of Oklahoma criminal statutes, please have someone contact my office right away.

In addition, the State of Oklahoma stands ready to offer its resources in support of the Committee's continued work. If my office can assist your investigation in any respect, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Thank you again for your leadership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Drummond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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