19th March, 2023.

The Honorable Wesley Hunt,
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Dear Honorable Wesley Hunt,

My name is Sukurat Jowando and I am writing to commend and applaud you for your vote In favor of Bill S.619 and the ongoing conversation on the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023 by the 118th Congress sponsored by Sen Hawley. Josh, introduced on 03/01/23 that seeks for the origin of COVID-19 be determined for prevention of future recurrence and that Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) declassified all information relating to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the origin of COVID-19 public.

As a District 38 resident, a Junior Social Work student of Alliance University, NY and a dutiful member of the public, I witnessed firsthand the disruptive impact COVID-19 had on lives, health, education, business and the economy at large while working as a Home Health Aide in New York. I believe we are still living in the aftermath of the pandemic as many still battle with uncertainty, financial pressures, social isolation and anxiety while some are forever marked with autoimmune conditions that may last months or years to recover from. Life as we know it may never be the same.

As former secretary Micheal O. Leavit said in 2007 “everything we do before the pandemic will seem alarmist. Everything we do after a pandemic will seem inadequate. This is the dilemma we face, but should not stop us from doing what we can to prepare”. By prepared he meant for us to be prepared for the unknown. So when I read on your page that you voted for the bill, I said to myself, this is a representative that knows the heart of his people. Thank you once again.

I am confident that you will agree with Sen. John Barrasso (Wyo) when he said “The American people have a right to understand exactly how it was spread”. As a people COVID-19 has robbed us of lives, loved ones, health, jobs, businesses and a historic drop in output in almost all major economies. U.S. GDP fell by 8.9 percent in the second quarter of 2020, the largest single-quarter contraction in more than 70 years!. We have seen a shift in the way we communicate, care for others, educate our children, work and more. Needless to say, we the people have a right to know how it was spread.

I am grateful for your leadership and making the people’s wellbeing a legislative priority. Should you have more feedback on this matter, please feel free to email me at bolanlejawando@icloud.com.

Yours sincerely,
Sukurat Jowando