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Acting Director Fairweather:

We write to respectfully request details on the amount of remaining funds unspent from the CARES Act (H.R.748), the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 266), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133). The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating for millions of Americans, and Congress and the previous administration have passed five separate, bipartisan bills to deliver trillions of dollars in relief. We are committed to working with the Biden administration to deliver yet another bipartisan bill for the American people. So many Americans are suffering, and we must get the economy back on track. This requires we work together to provide the necessary resources to vaccinate everyone who wants to be vaccinated, and ensure other gaps are filled that will help boost our economy, get people back to work, and get our children back to school.

To ensure these funds are provided in a way that those on the frontlines can quickly access them and that we are addressing any remaining gaps, we ask you to answer the following questions no later than February 9, 2021:

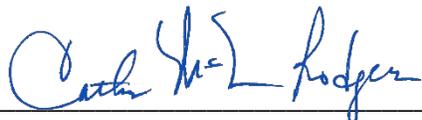
1. Of the \$10.25 billion sent to states for testing and contact tracing on May 18, 2020,¹ how much remains unspent by states? If known, please explain why such funds have not been spent.

¹ <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/18/hhs-delivers-funding-to-expand-testing-capacity-for-states-territories-tribes.html>

2. Of the \$22 billion distributed to states for testing,² contact tracing, and vaccine distribution, how much remains unspent by states? If known, please explain why such funds have not been spent.
3. Of the more than \$19 billion for vaccine and therapeutics development and manufacturing, which is intended to cover the cost of purchasing all vaccines for distribution to states, how much remains unspent?
4. Of the more than \$19 billion for the Strategic National Stockpile, how much remains unspent?
5. Of the more than \$500 million for the Federal Communications Commission's COVID-19 Telehealth program, how much remains unspent?
6. Of the more than \$3 billion to ensure that low-income Americans have broadband access and devices to temporarily participate in remote learning, work, and telehealth services as we work to safely reopen the economy, how much remains unspent?
7. Of the more than \$110 billion for the Department of Education, how much of this money has been spent on remote learning services and devices? How much remains unspent?
8. Of the \$900 million supplemental for the Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program as part of the CARES law, how much remains unspent?
9. Of the \$638 million for the Department of Health and Human Services for the Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, how much remains unspent?

We appreciate your attention and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
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Committee on Energy and Commerce



Brett Guthrie
Republican Leader
Subcommittee on Health

²<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/01/06/hhs-announces-22-billion-in-funding-to-support-expanded-testing-vaccination-distribution.html>



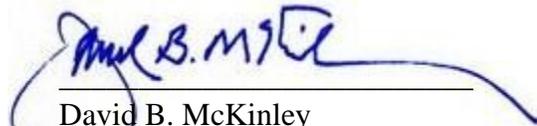
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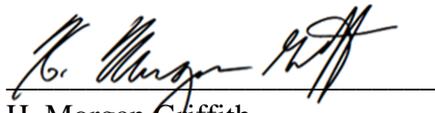
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CC: The Honorable Norris Cochran, Acting Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Acting Chair of the Federal Communications Commission
The Honorable Mick Zais, Acting Secretary of the Department of Education