

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 16, 2023

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Secretary Becerra:

I write to request additional information regarding Dr. Fauci's employment status and receipt of taxpayer-funded benefits. On August 22, 2022, Dr. Anthony Fauci announced that he would be stepping down from the positions of Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, as well as the position of Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden.¹ He stated that he planned to leave these positions in December 2022 to pursue "the next chapter" of his career.² In media interviews, Dr. Fauci stated, "[w]hile I am moving on from my current positions, I am not retiring."³

While many interpreted these statements to mean Dr. Fauci would be ending his employment with the federal government in December 2022, it is not clear if that is in fact the case. This raises questions about Dr. Fauci's current employment status and whether he is still receiving certain taxpayer-funded benefits associated with active public service, such as legal counsel and protective services.

For this reason, please provide my office the following information and supporting documentation no later than 5:00 PM on June 30, 2023:

1. Is Dr. Fauci currently employed by, or formally affiliated in any way with, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), or any other federal agency? If so, please describe the nature of his work and provide his current salary. If not, please provide the date in which his federal service formally ended.
2. Does Dr. Fauci currently have the ability to access non-public areas of HHS, NIH, NIAID, or any other federal agency building? Please include both federally leased and government-owned properties.

¹ *Statement by Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.* (2022, August 22). National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/news-events/statement-anthony-s-fauci-md>

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³ Haslett. (2022, August 22). *Dr. Anthony Fauci to step down from his role as NIAID director in December*. ABC News. <https://abcnews.go.com/US/dr-anthony-fauci-step-role-niaid-director-december/story?id=88694345>

3. Does Dr. Fauci currently maintain an office within HHS, NIH, NIAID, or any other federal agency? Please include both federally leased and government-owned properties.
4. Is Dr. Fauci currently receiving any legal representation or legal advice through HHS, NIH, NIAID, or any other federal agency? This includes legal representation and legal advice from federal agency counsel, as well as any federally contracted outside representation. If so, please provide the following:
 - a. A detailed description of the nature of such services;
 - b. An itemized list of associated costs;
 - c. All documents authorizing such services including, but not limited to, opinions, determinations, decisions, assessments, and agreements.
5. Is Dr. Fauci currently receiving a protective detail and/or security services funded by the U.S. Secret Service, HHS, NIH, NIAID, or any other federal agency? Please include protective detail and security services provided by a federal agency counsel, as well as any federally contracted security services. If so, please provide the following:
 - a. A detailed description of the nature of the protective detail and security services;
 - b. An itemized list of associated costs;
 - c. All documents authorizing the protective detail and/or security services including, but not limited to, opinions, determinations, decisions, assessments, and agreements.
6. Is Dr. Fauci currently receiving portal-to-portal transportation under 31 U.S.C. § 1344 or any other authority? If so, please provide the following:
 - a. A detailed description of the nature of the authorized transportation;
 - b. An itemized list of associated costs;
 - c. All documents authorizing the transportation including, but not limited to, opinions, determinations, decisions, assessments, and agreements.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
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