

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned with your administration's recent actions regarding the future of the World Health Organization (WHO). We urge you to not only rescind your administration's proposed January 18, 2022, amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR), but also to withdraw the United States from this corrupt and inept international organization.

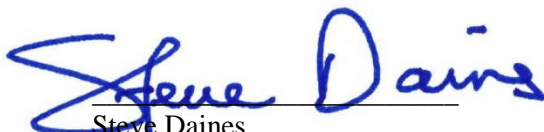
Your administration has decided to support at least two measures intended to increase the power of the WHO at the expense of sovereign nations like our own. First, you proposed IHR amendments that would, among other things, grant unilateral authority to declare public health emergencies of international or regional concern to the WHO's Director General and Regional Directors, respectively. This would be an alarming transfer of U.S. sovereignty to an unelected U.N. bureaucrat. Second, your administration announced that it supports the negotiation of a new international pandemic treaty over the next two years which seems intended to grant evermore sweeping powers to the WHO.

The WHO has demonstrated an abysmal lack of competence throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, which has destroyed the organization's credibility and undermined the public's confidence in it. In January 2020, the WHO misled the world by falsely and repeatedly claiming that COVID-19 was not spread by human-to-human transmission. The WHO Director General praised China for its handling of the initial outbreak, despite the Communist Party's extensive attempts to coverup and downplay the threat. The WHO's "joint study" of the origins of COVID-19 in Wuhan was largely run by Chinese government-selected scientists and the only "U.S. scientist" the WHO allowed to take part in the investigation was Peter Daszak, a British national whose extensive cooperation with the Wuhan Institute of Virology represented an obvious conflict of interest. The WHO severely mismanaged the pandemic, failed to get public health information to the world, and willingly promoted misinformation that helped Communist China cover up its responsibility for a global pandemic.

We are deeply troubled by these proposed policies that threaten to erode America's sovereign power to address public health emergencies as we see fit. The WHO cannot be trusted to properly exercise its current powers; it absolutely cannot be trusted with more power.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge you to instruct the American delegation to this World Health Assembly to withdraw the proposed amendments to the IHR. We further urge you to withdraw the United States from this corrupt organization whose leadership is beholden to Communist China.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator



Tom Cotton
United States Senator