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**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2020 3:23:42 AM  
**To:** Peter Daszak  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins

Peter:

Many thanks for your contribution.

Best regards,

Tony

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**Subject:** Thank you for your public comments re COVID-19's origins  
**Importance:** High

Tony (cc'ing David so that you might pass this on to any other colleagues)

As the PI of the R21 grant publicly targeted by Fox News reporters at the UN Presidential press briefing last night, I just wanted to say a personal thank you on behalf of our staff and colleagues for quickly standing up and stating that the scientific evidence supports the origin of COVID-19 from a bat-to-human spillover, not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

It's been a very hard few months as these conspiracy theorists have gradually become politicized and hardened in their stance. Especially because the work we've been doing in collaboration with Chinese virologists has given us increased insight into the risks that these viruses represent, so that we can directly protect our nation from a high-consequence virus. We're trying to span the communication gap with our Chinese colleagues, so that we can better address future pandemic-like COVID-19.

From my perspective, your comments are brave and confirm my own stated hope: we'll hold the line, the virus is not so bad, and the virus origins.

Once this pandemic is over I look forward thanking you in person and let you know how important your comments are to us all.

Cheers,

Peter

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**Subject:** Invite to EcoHealth Alliance Virtual Annual Benefit on 30th April 2020

Dear Tony,

I hope you, your family, and colleagues are well. I know it's a extremely busy time for you and with this brief we must but annual benefit in New York City in order to help raise funds for our global efforts to prevent and prevent the spread of new and emerging disease. In this year, our program will necessarily be modified to be entirely virtual. We will be focusing on our efforts to curb the spread of SARS-2-CoV and other future pandemics.

We're assembling a diverse set of speakers who will speak on very different aspects of the ongoing pandemics present via a 2 minute pre-recorded segment. I'd really like to have you with us - virtually.

Our virtual benefit will be live broadcast on April 30th in New York City. Your perspective would be a vital addition to our evening's proceedings. Please let me know if you'd be willing to provide a brief video that we would include in our program.

Cheers,

Peter

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