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Dear Director Redfield,

I write to invite you or your designee to appear before the House Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 10:15 am (Eastern Time) to discuss the immediate needs of K-12 public schools to safely reopen for the 2020-2021 school year.

This is an opportunity for Subcommittee Members to engage directly with you concerning the CDC's guidance to schools on how to safely reopen as the country continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate you having made Dr. Howard available in May to testify before the Committee concerning the impact of COVID-19 on worker health and safety and I look forward to testimony from you or a representative of your agency on the equally important topic of safe school reopening during the global pandemic. This is a necessary component of the Committee's oversight responsibilities under Rule X of the House Rules for the 116th Congress.

In arranging your appearance before the Committee, please reserve sufficient time in order for each Subcommittee Member to have the opportunity to engage in five minutes of questioning, as provided in Rule XI of the House Rules. As a practical matter, this may require a commitment of up to three hours to accommodate opening statements, testimony, and Member questions.

I look forward to your acceptance of this invitation. To submit written testimony in advance of your appearance, please contact Tylease Alli, Chief Clerk, at 202-225-3725 or <u>Tylease.Alli@mail.house.gov</u>.

Thank you in advance for your agreement to appear before the Committee.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

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