

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Clock is ticking on declassifying intel surrounding COVID origins

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI), a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today released the following statement in response to [reporting in the Sunday Times](#) that revealed the Chinese Communist Party and scientists at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) were secretly conducting dangerous research involving coronaviruses at the WIV.

“This report confirms that the CCP was conducting dangerous coronavirus research at ill-equipped labs in the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) and took dramatic steps to hide their work from the rest of the world. It also highlights the lengths at which the Party has gone to prevent transparency and cover-up what happened in Wuhan in the fall of 2019. The United States should be using every tool at its disposal to investigate the origins of the pandemic. The Biden administration should stop dragging its feet and immediately declassify all the relevant intelligence surrounding COVID-19, as they are legally required to do by June 18. The clock is ticking.”

Earlier this year, [the House passed](#) Rep. Gallagher’s [COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023](#), which required the Biden administration to declassify intelligence related to any potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) and the origins of the Covid pandemic.

The deadline for the Biden administration to declassify the intelligence is June 18, 2023.