

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: DNI report obscures more than it illuminates

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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 after the Office of the Director of National Intelligence finally released its report declassifying its intelligence surrounding the origins of COVID-19.

“Earlier this week, the Wall Street Journal confirmed the names of three researchers at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) who became sick with an unspecified illness in November 2019. The law explicitly requires the Director of National Intelligence to release details on these researchers, including their names, symptoms, and involvement in coronavirus research at the WIV. This DNI release does none of that and, in many ways, obscures more than it illuminates. The American people deserve better. After years of waiting, the American people deserve answers. This is unacceptable and underscores the need for Congress to continue investigating the origins of COVID-19 and the associated Chinese Communist Party cover-up.”

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 was June 18, 2023.