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Robert Redfield
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Dear Director Redfield:

Recently, I cc'd you on a letter regarding a mink farm in Michigan that has seen an outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 within its animal population.

As more information has come out my concern has grown, towards that end I request that you deploy a CDC One Health field team to support Michigan's public health and animal health partners with an on-farm investigation into the people and animals infected or exposed to SARS-CoV-2.

While the risk of animal to human transmission remains exceedingly low, animal to animal transmission - even across species - is well documented and may be ongoing within the mink population of the impacted farm.

The CDC's One Health collaborative is uniquely positioned to help Michigan in mitigating the impact of this SARS-CoV-2 outbreak. Their assistance will be vital as we continue to assess and contain the infected wildlife population

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Member of Congress