

## Six Million Dimes

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“EcoHealth Alliance and Peter Daszak should not be getting a dime of taxpayer funds,” declared Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), “until they are completely transparent. Period.”

Nevertheless, “despite losing a previous award for failing to provide records essential to an investigation into that origin,” Daszak’s group is now slated to receive \$600,000, *The Intercept* informs us.

While regular readers are well aware of what Rep. Rodgers calls “madness,” at

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Unherd.com’s *The Post*, Ashley Rindsberg refreshes our memories:

- “EcoHealth Alliance is . . . responsible for funneling . . . US government grants to the now infamous Wuhan Institute of Virology, considered by many to be the likely source of the pandemic.”
- Still, “[Daszak] was the go-to source for the



American media as they sought to ‘prove’ that the lab leak theory was little more than a Right-wing conspiracy. He also surreptitiously organised a letter in *The Lancet*, attempting to shut down the debate by labelling this potential origin as a ‘conspiracy theory.’”

- “Most alarmingly,” Daszak “submitted a 2018 proposal to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency that called for scientists to insert a furin cleavage site — a key distinguishing and extremely rare feature of SARS-Cov-2 — into SARS-like viruses. In other words: a blueprint for making SARS-2 in a lab.”

Instead of throwing money at EcoHealth Alliance (which would merely funnel it to a Chinese lab), invest in a thorough congressional investigation into how Dr. Daszak, EcoHealth Alliance, and co-conspirator Dr. Anthony Fauci purposely obstructed the inquiry into the origin of a pandemic that has killed more than a million Americans and nearly seven million worldwide.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.