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## **“Shame on You!” — Rand Paul to Feds for “Great Covid Cover-up”**

“Government officials from 15 federal agencies knew in 2018 that the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) was trying to create a coronavirus like COVID-19,” writes Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) in a op-ed posted on [FoxNews.com](#).

Senator Paul’s office has been investigating the issue for years. Not only were the 15 agencies privy to vital and devastating evidence, but they “have continuously refused to release any information concerning this alarming and dangerous research,” he states. However, he recently received documents that he says reveal the agencies have known since January of 2018.



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Rand Paul

“This project, the DEFUSE project, proposed to insert a furin cleavage site into a coronavirus to create a novel chimeric virus that would have been shockingly similar to the COVID-19 virus.”

He implicates Peter Daszak’s EcoHealth Alliance as being in cahoots with WIV as well. Both organizations “were seeking federal funding in 2018 to create a virus genetically very similar if not identical to COVID-19.” But no one from any of the 15 agencies — including National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) head Anthony Fauci — sounded the alarm, either then or when Covid burst on the scene in late 2019. NIAID was part of the DEFUSE proposal. “Fauci’s Rocky Mountain Lab was named as a partner alongside the Wuhan Institute of Virology” as well.

The conspiracy Paul describes also involves a scientist heavily funded by EcoHealth Alliance. Ian Lipkin helped author “Proximal Origins,” a research paper commissioned by Fauci and National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins to cast doubt on the lab-origin hypothesis. “Yet, Ian Lipkin never revealed to the public the DEFUSE proposal,” Paul writes.

“Shame on all those who covered up the DEFUSE project,” says the senator. “Millions of people died from COVID-19” as a result. He hopes that the outcome of these latest revelations will be increased Congressional oversight to prevent future dangerous gain of function experiments.



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