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Following Dr. <u>Anthony Fauci</u> announcing his resignation, Republicans have vowed Congressional investigations into his conduct if they win majority in the House and Senate in November, with many being critical of his leadership decisions and lack of transparency through the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fauci <u>announced</u> on Monday he will resign from his post as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in December, after more than 50 years working in government.

"He better have plenty of time on his hands come January, because we're going to be wanting to talk to him," said Rep. Buddy Carter (R-Ga.) during an Aug. 22 interview with Steve Lance on NTD, a sister media outlet of Epoch Times.

Carter said that, should Republicans gain majority control of the oversight and investigation committees after the upcoming midterm elections, the GOP would make it a priority to investigate whether Fauci mishandled the COVID-19 pandemic or willfully mislead the public about the virus.

Fauci's tenure, Carter said, had been marred by inconsistency and flip-flopping on vital issues, such as the origins of the virus.

In May 2020, Fauci <u>said</u> that the virus "could not have been artificially or deliberately manipulated."

However, Fauci has since <u>said</u> that he is "open" to the idea that the virus originated in a laboratory following a <u>concession</u> by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) last year that it provided funding to third-party groups to perform gain-of-function research on bat

coronaviruses at laboratory in Wuhan, China.

"We need to make sure that we're not doing this again and, if indeed this did come from a leak in the Wuhan lab, then China needs to be held responsible," Carter said. "There's no question about that.

"This is good news for America, because we need to take the politics out of healthcare. [Fauci] has inserted politics into healthcare, and I think that's going to be his legacy."

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Statement by Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.

I am announcing today that I will be stepping down from the positions of Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, as well as the position of Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden. I will be leaving these positions in December of this year to pursue the next chapter of my career.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to have led the NIAID, an extraordinary institution, for so many years and through so many scientific and public health challenges. I am very proud of our many accomplishments. I have worked with — and learned from — countless talented and dedicated people in my own laboratory, at NIAID, at NIH and beyond. To them I express my abiding respect and gratitude.

Over the past 38 years as NIAID Director, I have had the enormous privilege of serving under and advising seven Presidents of the United States, beginning with President Ronald Reagan, on newly emerging and re-emerging infectious disease threats including HIV/AIDS, West Nile virus, the anthrax attacks, pandemic influenza, various bird influenza threats, Ebola and Zika, among others, and, of course, most recently the COVID-19 pandemic. I am particularly proud to have served as the Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden since the very first day of his administration.

While I am moving on from my current positions, I am not retiring. After more than 50 years of government service, I plan to pursue the next phase of my career while I still have so much energy and passion for my field. I want to use what I have learned as NIAID Director to continue to advance science and public health and to inspire and mentor the next generation of scientific leaders as they help prepare the world to face future infectious disease threats.

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