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Dear Mr. McEvoy:

I am writing to obtain your client SpeakWithAnMD.com's compliance with document and information requests the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis sent to the company nearly three months ago. On October 29, 2021, the Select Subcommittee initiated an investigation of online entities that are spreading misinformation and facilitating access to disproven and potentially hazardous coronavirus treatments. Despite repeated assurances of compliance, SpeakWithAnMD.com has failed to produce any documents responsive to the Select Subcommittee's requests. The Select Subcommittee expects SpeakWithAnMD.com to fully and promptly respond to all of its document and information requests. Should the company fail to do so, the Select Subcommittee may be forced to consider alternative measures to obtain compliance.

The Select Subcommittee's October 29, 2021, letter raised concerns that SpeakWithAnMD.com is a leading purveyor of questionable treatments nationwide related to the coronavirus. SpeakWithAnMD.com and an affiliated company, Encore Telemedicine, have reportedly generated millions of dollars in revenue by facilitating thousands of paid telehealth consultations and prescriptions for disproven and potentially hazardous coronavirus treatments, such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin. SpeakWithAnMD.com has received referrals from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter from Chairman James E. Clyburn, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, to SpeakWithAnMD.com (Oct. 29, 2021) (online at https://coronavirus.house.gov/sites/democrats.coronavirus.house.gov/files/2021.10.29%20Lettrer%20to%20SpeakWith AnMD%20re%20Misinformation.pdf).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> How 'America's Frontline Doctors' Sold Access to Bogus COVID-19 Treatments—and Left Patients in the Lurch, Time (Aug. 26, 2021) (online at https://time.com/6092368/americas-frontline-doctors-covid-19-misinformation/); Network of Right-Wing Health Care Providers Is Making Millions off Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin, Hacked Data Reveals, The Intercept (Sept. 28, 2021) (online at https://theintercept.com/2021/09/28/covid-telehealth-hydroxychloroquine-ivermectin-hacked/).

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prominent anti-vaccination influencers and groups such as America's Frontline Doctors.<sup>3</sup> This manipulative scheme is scamming Americans and putting their lives at risk.

The Select Subcommittee's October 29, 2021, letter requested a complete response by November 12, 2021—a deadline that was subsequently extended multiple times at your request. Although you stated that the company intends to cooperate with the Select Subcommittee's investigation, it has failed to follow through on promised document productions on numerous occasions.<sup>4</sup> On January 14, 2022, you agreed to provide the Select Subcommittee with a document production by January 21, 2022. SpeakWithAnMD.com failed to provide any documents by that date and has failed to respond to communications from Select Subcommittee staff since.

The Select Subcommittee expects SpeakWithAnMD.com to fully respond to its October 29, 2021, requests by no later than February 4, 2022. Should the company fail to do so, the Select Subcommittee will be forced to consider alternative measures to obtain compliance with these requests.

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn

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Chairman

cc: The Honorable Steve Scalise, Ranking Member

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.*; Letter from Chairman James E. Clyburn, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, to SpeakWithAnMD.com (Oct. 29, 2021) (online at https://coronavirus.house.gov/sites/democrats.coronavirus.house.gov/files/2021.10.29%20Lettrer%20to%20SpeakWith AnMD%20re%20Misinformation.pdf).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *See*, *e.g.*, Email from Brian McEvoy, counsel for SpeakWithAnMD.com, to Majority Staff, Select Subcommittee on Coronavirus Crisis (Nov. 19, 2021). You have suggested that certain records requested by the Select Subcommittee may be held or more easily produced by third parties. The fact that records may be held by third parties is not a reasonable basis to withhold the materials.