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October 17, 2014

Dr. Tom Frieden
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Dear Dr. Frieden,

As you know, it has been reported that on September 16, 2014, an armed security contractor with an alleged criminal record was allowed on an elevator with the President during a visit to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). As you also may know, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) prohibits felons, certain misdemeanants, and others from possessing a firearm for any purpose.

Given the extremely sensitive nature of the work performed at the CDC, we are deeply concerned that a convicted criminal appears to have been given a firearm and put in a position of trust at your headquarters. In order to facilitate our oversight responsibilities, please respond to the following questions by October 30, 2014:

1. Is the security at the CDC provided by the Federal Protective Service (FPS)? Was the security officer involved in the September 16 incident a contractor or a federal employee?

2. Prior to the September 16 incident, did the CDC or FPS conduct a background check into the security officer? Did any such check reveal a criminal history?

3. What are the security officer's prior convictions? Is he a prohibited possessor under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) because he was a convicted felon, had committed a domestic violence misdemeanor, or for any other reason?

4. What is the CDC doing in response to the September 16 incident to ensure that its facilities are properly protected?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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