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Dear Ms. Rosenberg,

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, and a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), we are beginning an investigation into evidence that Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. unlawfully lied to Congress on multiple occasions.

During his confirmation hearings in 2025, Secretary Kennedy told multiple Senators that his 2019 trip to Samoa had ***"nothing to do with vaccines,"*** but it appears this statement was false. According to reports, Kennedy wrote to Samoan Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, on Children's Health Defense letterhead, in January 2019: *"I believe the deaths associated recently with MMR vaccine in the independent state of Samoa may have been manifestations of [adverse] effects."*[1] He proposed to the Prime Minister that his *"team conduct [a] detailed health informatics assessment in Samoa of what happened with your MMR vaccines."*[2] Four months later, in May 2019, Kennedy traveled to Samoa and reportedly met with anti-vaccine

1 Michelle R. Smith, *RFK Jr lied in Senate confirmation hearings, newly revealed documents indicate*, The Guardian, Aug. 27, 2026, https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/aug/27/rfk-jr-senate-confirmation-hearing-testimony-vaccines
(citing letter from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi, Jan. 20, 2019, https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/28581231-letter-from-rfk-jr/). *See also* Ali Swenson, *Exclusive: RFK Jr. said a Samoa trip had nothing to do with vaccines. New documents refute that*, Associated Press, Aug. 27, 2026, https://apnews.com/article/rfk-jr-kennedy-samoa-vaccines-mmr-ba6ad3ffadca48599b1c178a392fb37b.
2 *Id.*

activists while he was there.[3] Evidence thus suggests that Kennedy's 2019 trip to Samoa was focused, in whole or in part, on vaccines.

The Senate Committee on Finance oversees the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as much of the work Kennedy now leads at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) has broad jurisdiction over public health, and both committees oversaw Secretary Kennedy's confirmation process. We are deeply concerned by the tactics Kennedy has used–both before and during his tenure as Secretary–to stand in the way of children receiving life-saving vaccinations. In Samoa and in the United States, unvaccinated children have died tragic and preventable deaths during measles outbreaks. We intend to hold Secretary Kennedy accountable for the grave harm he has caused to vulnerable children. We also intend to hold him accountable for any false statements made to Congress, a crime that undermines the Senate's ability to fulfill its constitutional duties.

Accordingly, I write to request that you please provide the following documents[4] to the Democratic staff of the Committee by December 4, 2026:

1. All documents related to any travel to Samoa undertaken by Kennedy or other employees, officers, directors, or associates of Children's Health Defense. These documents should include, but are not limited to: travel itineraries, meeting notes, and records of work conducted in Samoa related to vaccines, infectious diseases, or public health.

2. All documents related to meetings or communications between Samoan government officials and employees, officers, directors or associates of Children's Health Defense.

3. All documents related to Kennedy's presidential campaign.

4. All documents related to Kennedy's Senate confirmation process.

5. All documents related to Secretary Kennedy's September 17, 2026 address to the Children's Health Defense convention in Washington, DC.

6. All communications between Children's Health Defense and federal government officials since January 20, 2025.

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3 *Id*.

4 For purposes of this request, "documents" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), direct messages, chats, calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator
Ranking Member, Committee
on Finance

Angela D. Alsobrooks
United States Senator