



February 2, 2018

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6301

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6301

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Johnson,

The undersigned members of the Campaign for Accuracy in Public Health Research (CAPHR) Coalition are writing to express support for the upcoming hearing to examine the scientific integrity of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monographs Programme. The CAPHR Coalition is a diverse group of global manufacturing, energy and food interest groups dedicated to credible, unbiased, and transparent science as the basis of policy decisions.

We recognize much of IARC's work makes important contributions to public health. However, we have serious concerns with the Monographs Programme's processes for gathering and analyzing studies, evaluating various lines of evidence, integrating evidence from mechanistic studies, including determining human relevance of animal studies, peer engagement, public engagement, peer review and promoting Monograph conclusions.

We commend the Committee for its continued efforts to enact positive changes by prioritizing transparency as a means to build trust and ensuring that high-quality science is used when assessing chemical hazards and risks to health and the environment. We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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United States Council for International Business