



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

May 2, 2022

Secretary Jose' R. Romero, M.D.
Arkansas Department of Health
4815 West Markham
Little Rock, AR 72205

Dear Secretary Romero:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership as secretary and director of the Arkansas Department of Health. You have been an invaluable source of scientific-based solutions and executive stewardship for the safety, protection and welfare of the public during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic in our state. Your knowledge, teaching and exemplary strength of character set you apart as a professional.

Not only have you devoted your talents to the various research, instructional and leadership roles you have held while in Arkansas, but you have also invested your talents in several national and international public health endeavors. You have been a tremendous asset to the governor, state leaders and national leaders. Your professionalism, grace and resilience is difficult to find and will be hard to replace.

Citizens like you who chose to be of service to others speak to the higher plane of humanity and help build strong, cohesive and healthy communities. I personally appreciate your outstanding example of service above self. You are a highly respected man of integrity and courage. I join the leadership and staff of the Arkansas Department of Health, your family and your friends in extending my sincere gratitude to you for your extraordinary contributions to our state and its citizenry and our entire nation.

Congratulations on your new role as the director of the United States Centers for Disease Control National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and may you continue to be richly blessed in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Ladyman".

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