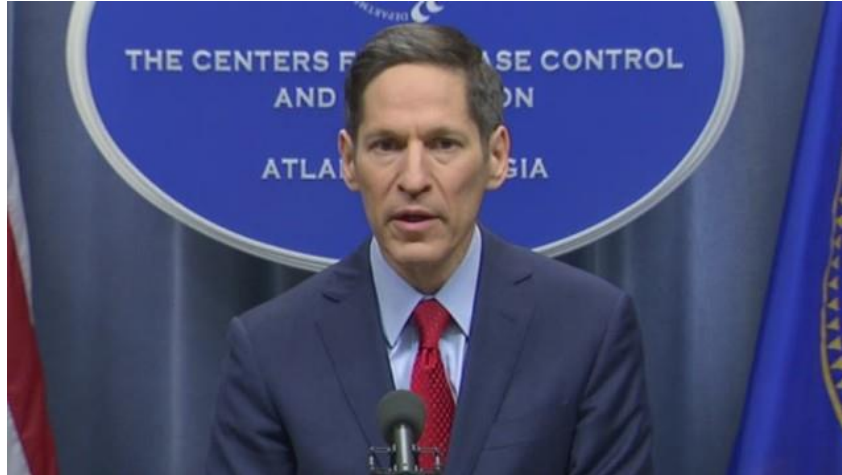


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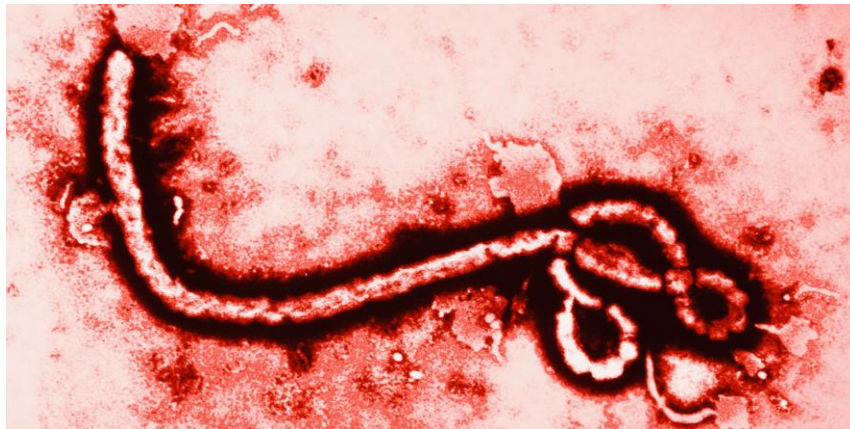
While Ebola is currently at the forefront of the media and most Americans minds, another disease has run rampant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Obama Administration: incompetence and indecisiveness. Failed leadership by bureaucrats in Washington D.C. can be just as dangerous as the infectious disease itself, which has the potential to do serious harm if not contained and controlled.



CDC Director Thomas Frieden

The truth is that this Ebola crisis is manageable with competent leadership and decisive action. As a physician with over 25 years experience and as a member of the House Doctors Caucus, I am very cognizant of the threats posed by this deadly virus and the steps we must take to prevent it from spreading. I need not explain the 70% death rate for Ebola, or its relative ease of transmission. Indeed, the virus is so easily transmitted that the CDC has estimated that in Liberia and Sierra Leone alone, 1.4 million infections may occur in the next year.

While no drug currently exists that is proven to prevent or treat Ebola, health experts do know how to contain and prevent the spread of this deadly disease. Unfortunately, this administration has failed to protect the American public and implement proper safeguards. We cannot stand by and allow any of those infected in Africa or abroad to simply hop a plane or a ship and bring this deadly disease to the United States.



The President has the authority by executive order to designate Ebola as a potential pandemic. Indeed the President has done so already for influenza-- which poses far less risk of death. Ebola presents a risk of imminent harm to the

public safety and warrants prompt action by isolation and quarantine.

Despite political rhetoric from some on the left, Congress has adequately and robustly funded the CDC and other federal prevention measures to protect the American people. On December 2, 2013, the House passed H.R. 3547, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 with my support. This legislation included an increase for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of \$567 million above the fiscal year 2013 level. Whether it is political pandering due to the upcoming elections or the continuation of the sheer incompetence of big government agencies (i.e. IRS, VA, USDA, Secret Service), the Obama administration has flat out failed to remember their primary constitutional duty of protecting the American people.

The President still refuses to ban flights from hotspot countries despite having no problem blocking flights to Israel, one of our closest allies, this past summer. The CDC failed to adequately prepare the Dallas hospital and nurses which treated Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian who brought Ebola to the U.S. In addition, Duncan was screened by CDC-trained officials prior to leaving Liberia on September 23 and was still allowed to fly to the U.S.

And just this past Wednesday, it was reported Dallas nurse Amber Vinson, who recently was diagnosed with Ebola and cared for Thomas Duncan, checked with the CDC after running a slight fever before boarding a flight from Ohio to Texas. The CDC cleared Vinson for travel and failed to prevent her from getting on a plane with more than 100 passengers and traveling halfway across the country. This is the height of incompetence as the state of Ohio now scrambles to isolate those who have come in contact with Ms. Vinson.

When our nation has faced similar challenges in the past, American leaders have acted boldly and decisively rising to meet any threat. But now, it seems that the biggest danger to the American people may not be a disease but the inaction and incompetence of the CDC and the Obama Administration. If ever there was a clear case to put aside politics and act boldly to protect the American public... this would be it. This administration must be held accountable, and that is why I am calling for the resignation of CDC Director Thomas Frieden for bungling America's response in trying to combat the spread of Ebola.



An immediate travel ban between Western Africa and the United States should

be imposed without delay. Further, those who have traveled to or from the affected countries in West Africa should be quarantined for 30 days to ensure they are not infected. The time to act is now, and failed leadership by Washington bureaucrats must not prevent us from protecting the American people and preventing the spread of this deadly disease.

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter [@repgosar](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress