

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 2, 2020

The Honorable Jerold Nadler
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee

The Honorable David Cicilline
Chairman
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial,
and Administrative Law

The Honorable James Sensenbrenner
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial,
and Administrative Law

Dear Congressmen Nadler, Jordan, Cicilline, and Sensenbrenner:

We write today to bring to the House Judiciary Committee's attention a situation impacting Arizona as well as states across the country—efforts to price gouge life-saving medical supplies during the coronavirus pandemic. We respectfully request the House Judiciary Committee exercise its duty to conduct robust congressional oversight over the Department of Justice and the *COVID-19 Hoarding and Price Gouging Task Force* as it works to tackle this injustice that can have life-threatening results.

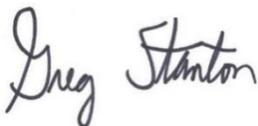
In Arizona, we learned that price gouging chain – from manufacturers to vendors – has led some to attempt to charge the City of Phoenix Fire and Police Departments nearly 600 percent more per N95 mask than the city was charged as recently as two weeks ago. In response to this alarming news, we sent a letter to Attorney General William Barr and Federal Trade Commissioner Joseph Simons asking for an immediate investigation.

We believe the committee, too, must do its part to hold bad actors to account.

New reports from around the country indicate that what is happening in Phoenix is not an isolated incident. States and cities throughout the nation have shared similar stories of their first responders, doctors and nurses being victimized by profiteers during a national emergency. The House Judiciary Committee has a role in overseeing this matter, and we look forward to working with the committee in the near future to address this egregious and illegal behavior.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,



Greg Stanton
Member of Congress



Ruben Gallego
Member of Congress