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**Subject:** Allegations of University of Maryland Crimes against Humanity; kindly acknowledge receipt

**Importance:** High

Dear Provost Mary Ann Rankin,

As Provost of the University of Maryland at least you should tell the truth. In your emailed letter dated August, 9, 2016 you state: “We received your e-mail complaint alleging scholarly misconduct by ...” No. That is a gross misrepresentation. In said e-mail I alleged the following:

1. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly acted to deceive the scientific community and the public of evidence on the existence and health risks of a public health threat potentially affecting millions of people.
2. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly became party to a systematic assault on my scientific credibility and my good name in furtherance of said alleged action to deceive the scientific community and the public of evidence on the existence and health risks of a public health threat potentially affecting millions of people.
3. Dr. Huq knowingly and willingly abrogated long-existent ethical standards of scientific behavior in furtherance of 1) and 2) above.
4. Dr. Clark failed to maintain the integrity of the School of Public Health by permitting the actions of Dr. Huq, as alleged in 1), 2) and 3) above, instead of demanding he make corrections or else firing him for cause.

As Provost of the University of Maryland, your foremost consideration should be for the health and safety of the citizens of Maryland. That consideration should supersede all others. Instead, by taking the bureaucratic tact that you did, I allege, you knowingly and willingly acted to deceive the citizens of Maryland, the scientific community, and the public of evidence on the existence and health risks of a public health threat potentially affecting millions of people that I described in my peer-reviewed, published, and unwarrantedly retracted Frontiers in Public Health article “[Human and Environmental Dangers Posed by Ongoing Global Tropospheric Aerosolized Particulates for Weather Modification \(click here for pdf\)](#)”

Retraction of a peer-reviewed, published paper should warrant the highest level of proof. Said retraction is unwarranted because Frontiers’ officials and editors were provided evidence beforehand that the action was undertaken, the complaints being made, by a person or persons who had attempted to cause retraction in at least one other instance based upon lies and misrepresentations. Moreover, in the present instance, I was never

provided verbatim criticisms and thus was never given the opportunity to respond. This is documented in posted communications about this retraction, [click here](#). Suppressing said peer-reviewed and published article in Frontiers in Public Health, (1) based upon lies and misrepresentations by one or more individuals with a track record of similar actions, and (2) without the due process of the author being apprised of the complaints and given an opportunity to respond point by point, and (3) the consequence being to hide from the citizens of Maryland, the scientific community, and the public evidence of a covert activity that has serious public health and environmental health risks considered together, I allege, constitute crimes against humanity. Your bureaucratic whitewash of the actions of your subordinates in the instant matter, I allege, makes you an accomplice in said alleged crimes against humanity. Make no mistake: The decision to unwarrantedly retract said public health article was made by University of Maryland Research Professor Anwar Huq who has no expertise in the subject matter of said retracted article.

As an officer of the University of Maryland have you no sense of responsibility to warn the citizens of Maryland and others that for years they have been breathing deliberately contaminated air? Or that investigations of pollution particles with similar diameters,  $\leq 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ , have been found to be associated with increased hospital admissions, morbidity and premature mortality, risk for cardiovascular disease and lung cancer, lung inflammation and diabetes, risk for stroke, Alzheimer's disease, onset of asthma, renal dysfunction in older men, low birth weight, and reduced male fertility? Or that three independent lines of evidence point to coal fly ash, the toxic waste product of burning-coal, as the main pollutant being sprayed into the air we all breathe? Or that particles of that size when inhaled settle deep in terminal alveoli where they remain for long periods of time allowing the radioactive elements and hexavalent chromium in the coal fly ash to have ample opportunity to initiate lung cancer? Or that the arsenic can be readily extracted by body moisture and cross the placenta to harm the babies pregnant women are carrying? Or that the heavy metals can similarly be released by body moisture? Or that aluminum in a soluble form can similarly be released, potentially posing risks for neurological diseases?

You may understand that this matter is far from being closed.

Sincerely,

J. Marvin Herndon, Ph.D.