
November 13, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
US Senate
S-221 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
US Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
US House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
H-204 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to urge you to include a comprehensive reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) in a legislative package before the end of the 118th Congressional Session.

The Senate and House health committees have each passed reauthorization bills that make critical improvements to our nation's health security programs, originally authorized in PAHPA. These programs at the Department of Health and Human Services, such as the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (now the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response) and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), will be called upon to prevent, prepare for, and respond to any national health security threats.

These threats—whether they emerge from advances in biotechnology and artificial intelligence, naturally occurring outbreaks, major storms, deliberate attacks, or accidents—require an agile, authorized, responsive government infrastructure.

The PAHPA framework, which was originally authorized 17 years ago, expired on September 30, 2023, requiring stopgap, temporary extensions in prior continuing resolutions. However, we urge you to pass a comprehensive PAHPA reauthorization package, one that includes key new provisions that strengthen US preparedness and response capabilities, before the end of the year.

The last three PAHPA reauthorization packages shared major recurring themes: they all adjusted to the changing threat landscape, focused on challenges identified since the prior bill, and strengthened our nation's health security with each reauthorization. A new reauthorization bill would continue to do that by strengthening existing programs and continuing to adapt and improve America's health security infrastructure for new and future challenges.

Failing to reauthorize PAHPA now would have serious effects on our country's economic wellbeing, national security, and health given the rapidly changing threat landscape. For example, Congress would leave critical preparedness programs—like the Strategic National Stockpile, medical supply chain resilience, and hospital preparedness programs—without clear direction and oversight.

We are hopeful that PAHPA will remain a strong bipartisan legislative framework, as it has always been. We stand ready to assist you however we can to help get this important law reauthorized this year.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter; please contact Joel Straus at joel.straus@jhu.edu with any questions.

Sincerely (in alphabetical order),

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Acadian Companies

Adjuvant Capital, LP

AdvaMed

Aequor Inc.

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Ambulance Association

American Clinical Laboratory Association

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Physicians

American College of Surgeons

American Lung Association

American Medical Manufacturers Association (AMMA)

American Public Health Association

American Society for Microbiology

Antheia, Inc.

Arizona Bioindustry Association, Inc. (AZBio)

Association of American Medical Colleges

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of Public Health Laboratories

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

ATCC

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BioForward Wisconsin

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Bugworks

California Life Sciences

Cencora (formerly AmerisourceBergen)

Civitas Networks for Health

Codagenix

Colorado BioScience Association

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Council of State Bioscience Associations

Dentec Safety Specialists

Elusys Therapeutics, Inc.

Emergent BioSolutions

Federation of American Hospitals

FluGen Inc.

Genentech, a member of the Roche Group

Georgetown University

Georgia Bio

Gerontological Society of America

Global Health Investment Corporation (GHIC)

Global Health Technologies Coalition

GSK

Hamilton Grace LLC

Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

Health Industry Distributors Association

Health Supply US

Healthcare Distribution Alliance

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Indiana Life Sciences Association

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Institute for Progress

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security

Life Science Tennessee

Life Sciences Pennsylvania

Maryland Tech Council

Mass General Brigham

Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio)

Maxter Healthcare Inc

Medical Alley

Medical Countermeasures Coalition

Michigan Biosciences Industry Association (MichBio)

Missouri Biotechnology Association

Montana BioScience Alliance

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NC Life Sciences Organization

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