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November 14, 2023

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
US Senate  
S-230 Capitol Building  
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

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**Re: The Urgent Need to Reauthorize PAHPA**

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

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong desire to see the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) reauthorized before the end of the calendar year in the same bipartisan fashion it has been supported since the original authorization 17 years ago.

As you know, PAHPA underpins Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies, programs, and funding authorizations for addressing national health security threats. PAHPA created the HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (now the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response) and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and provides important congressional oversight and direction to federal programs related to early warning, prevention, preparedness, and response.

This overall framework expired on September 30, 2023, requiring stopgap, temporary extensions in the continuing resolution, which expires on November 17. We encourage Congress to include a comprehensive five-year PAHPA reauthorization in the next moving legislative vehicle.

The last three PAHPA bills all shared major recurring themes: they all adjusted to the changing threat landscape, focused on challenges identified since the prior bill, and considerably strengthened our nation's health security with each reauthorization.

Our nation's changing health security threat landscape and the federal government's responsibility to protect the American people demand that we work together now to find a strong bipartisan path forward to reauthorize this critical legislation. Whether the next health security threat is naturally occurring, the result of an accident, or intentionally caused, our country must be in a better position to prevent, prepare for, and respond to such incidents.

Failing to reauthorize PAHPA would have serious effects on our country's economic wellbeing, national security, and health security given the rapidly changing threat landscape.

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

Sincerely (in alphabetical order),

**1Day Sooner**

**Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.**

**Adaptive Phage Therapeutics**

**Aequor Inc.**

**American Ambulance Association**

**America's Essential Hospitals**

**American College of Emergency Physicians**

**American College of Surgeons**

**American Hospital Association**

**American Lung Association**

**American Pharmacies**

**American Public Health Association**

**American Society for Microbiology**

**Arizona Bioindustry Association, Inc. (AZBio)**

**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology**

**Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs**

**Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**

**Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America**

**AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals**

**ATCC (American Type Culture Collection)**

**Atea Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

**Bavarian Nordic**

**Big Cities Health Coalition**

**BioCT**

**BioForward Wisconsin**

**BioKansas**

**BioNJ**

**Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)**

**Bugworks**

**Cencora**

**Colorado BioScience Association**

**Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists**

**Council of State Bioscience Associations (CSBA)**

**CSL Seqirus**

**Emergency Department Practice Management Association**

**Emergent BioSolutions**

**Federation of American Scientists**

**FluGen Inc.**

**Georgia Bio**

**Gerontological Society of America**

**Ginkgo Bioworks**

**Global Health Investment Corporation**

**Global Health Technologies Coalition**

**Gryphon Scientific**

**GSK**

**Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA)**

**Healthcare Distribution Alliance**

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<b>Healthcare Leadership Council</b>	<b>Novavax</b>
<b>Healthcare Ready</b>	<b>Ochsner Health</b>
<b>Helix</b>	<b>Ohio Life Sciences Association</b>
<b>HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society)</b>	<b>Oklahoma Bioscience Association</b>
<b>HIV Medicine Association</b>	<b>PDS Biotechnology</b>
<b>IAVI (International AIDS Vaccine Initiative)</b>	<b>PharmaJet Inc.</b>
<b>Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization</b>	<b>Premier Inc.</b>
<b>Infectious Diseases Society of America</b>	<b>Public Health Accreditation Board</b>
<b>INOVIO Pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>Research!America</b>
<b>Institute for Progress</b>	<b>SAB Biotherapeutics, Inc.</b>
<b>Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security</b>	<b>Sanofi</b>
<b>Life Sciences PA</b>	<b>SecureBio</b>
<b>Locus Biosciences</b>	<b>Shionogi Inc.</b>
<b>Mallinckrodt</b>	<b>SIGA Technologies, Inc.</b>
<b>Marked By Covid</b>	<b>Society for Public Health Education</b>
<b>MassBio</b>	<b>Soligenix, Inc.</b>
<b>McKesson</b>	<b>Technologies for Pandemic Defense</b>
<b>Medical Alley</b>	<b>Texas Healthcare &amp; Bioscience Institute</b>
<b>Medical Countermeasures Coalition</b>	<b>Tonix Pharmaceuticals</b>
<b>Missouri Biotechnology Association (MOBIO)</b>	<b>Trinity Health</b>
<b>National Association of County and City Health Officials</b>	<b>TrippBio, Inc.</b>
<b>National Immigration Law Center</b>	<b>Trust for America's Health</b>
<b>New Mexico Biotechnology &amp; Biomedical Association (NMBio)</b>	<b>United States Pharmacopeia (USP)</b>
<b>New Orleans BioInnovation Center</b>	<b>University of Hawaii</b>
<b>NewYorkBIO</b>	<b>University of Maryland School of Medicine</b>
<b>NightHawk Biosciences</b>	<b>Valneva USA</b>
	<b>Vaxxas Inc</b>
	<b>Virginia Biotechnology Association</b>

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cc:

Chair Bernie Sanders  
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee  
US Senate

Ranking Member Bill Cassidy  
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee  
US Senate

Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Energy & Commerce Committee  
US House of Representatives

Ranking Member Frank Pallone  
Energy & Commerce Committee  
US House of Representatives