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Re: The Urgent Need to Reauthorize PAHPA

Dear Chair McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, and Representatives Guthrie, Eshoo, and Hudson,

Thank you for all of the careful and important bipartisan work that each of you and your staffs have already put into the upcoming reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA), set to expire September 30, 2023.

Many of the undersigned organizations have had the privilege of testifying before Congress and the Energy and Commerce Committee over the last 17 years—when the original PAHPA was passed, for its previous reauthorizations, and for the current reauthorization—and hope to continue serving in this trusted capacity. We are writing to express our strong desire to see PAHPA reauthorized this year in the same bipartisan tradition.

Our nation's changing health security threat landscape and 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.

We are concerned that if no bipartisan path is reached this year, the opportunity for PAHPA reauthorization will not be resumed until 2024. In that case, forging a bipartisan path forward will be even more difficult given the expected political landscape of an election year. We worry that in such a case, PAHPA reauthorization may not be achieved until 2025. This would have serious effects on our country's economic, national, and health security.

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

Sincerely (in alphabetical order),

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America's Essential Hospitals

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Lung Association

American Society for Microbiology

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB)

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Big Cities Health Coalition

Bipartisan Policy Center

CSL Seqirus

Federation of American Scientists

FluGen Inc.

Georgetown University Center for Global Health Science and Security

Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)

Gryphon Scientific

Healthcare Ready

Helix

International Safety Equipment Association

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security

National Immigration Law Center

National Rural Health Association

New Orleans BioInnovation Center

Resolve to Save Lives

Sanofi

Save the Children

SecureBio and MIT Sculpting Evolution Group

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

The Gerontological Society of America

The Institute for Progress

Trust for America's Health

Valneva USA