
March 1, 2024

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

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 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. 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.

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),

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Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.

Adaptive Phage Therapeutics

Adjuvant Capital, L.P.

AdvaMed

Aequor Inc.

Air National Guard

Alliance for Biosecurity

Altor Safety

America's Essential Hospitals

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Ambulance Association

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Clinical Laboratory Association

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Surgeons

American Hospital Association

American Lung Association

**American Medical Manufacturers Association
(AMMA)**

American Medical Women's Association

American Pharmacies

American Public Health Association

American Society for Microbiology

American Society of Anesthesiologists

Antheia, Inc.

Arizona Bioindustry Association, Inc. (AZBio)

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

Association of American Medical Colleges

**Association of Maternal & Child Health
Programs**

Association of Public Health Laboratories

**Association of State and Territorial Health
Officials**

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

ATCC

Atea Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Bavarian Nordic

**Belfer Center of Science and International
Affairs**

Big Cities Health Coalition

Biocom California

BioCT

BioForward Wisconsin

BioKansas

BioNJ

Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Blu Zone Bioscience

Bugworks

Cencora

Civitas Networks for Health

Codagenix

Colorado BioScience Association

CommonSpirit Health

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

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

CSL Seqirus

**Emergency Department Practice Management
Association**

Emergent BioSolutions

FAH	Locus Biosciences
Federation of American Scientists	Lutema USA
FluGen Inc.	Mallinckrodt
George Washington University Disaster Medicine	Marked By Covid
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Gerontological Society of America	McKesson
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Global Health Investment Corporation	Medical Countermeasures Coalition
Global Health Technologies Coalition	Missouri Biotechnology Association (MOBIO)
Gryphon Scientific	Monod Bio, Inc.
GSK	Morehouse School of Medicine - Atlanta, GA
Hamilton Grace LLC	Mount Sinai Health System
Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA)	National Association of County and City Health Officials
Healthcare Distribution Alliance	National Immigration Law Center
Healthcare Leadership Council	NC Life Sciences Organization
Healthcare Ready	Neuroene Therapeutics
Healthtrek Healthcare LLP	New Mexico Biotechnology & Biomedical Association (NMBio)
Helix	New Orleans BioInnovation Center
HIMSS	NewYorkBIO
HIV Medicine Association	NexGen Parks
IAVI	NightHawk Biosciences
Illinois Biotechnology Innovation Organization	Novavax
Indiana Health Industry Forum	Ochsner Health
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Infectious Diseases Society of America	Oklahoma Bioscience Association
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Life Sciences PA	READDI Inc.

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Shionogi Inc.
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Soligenix, Inc.
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Texas A&M Health Science Center
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Tonix Pharmaceuticals
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Trust for America's Health
United Safety Technology Inc
United States Pharmacopeia (USP)
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University of Hawaii
University of Maryland School of Medicine
University of Nebraska System
Valneva USA
Vaxess Technologies
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cc:

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US Senate

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US House of Representatives

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