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TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Remington Research Group  
RE: Vast & Enthusiastic Support for Increased Biosecurity Spending

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## KEY POLL FINDINGS

Remington Research Group conducted a national survey of 1,517 likely 2022 General Election voters on behalf of the Alliance for Biosecurity. Several key takeaways from the results should be of interest to public officials, agency staff and those who may impact public policy and spending in the biosecurity space:

1. The American people are concerned, and growing more concerned, about pandemics and other biosecurity threats; at the same time, they are NOT confident the U.S. is prepared to address such a threat.
2. Even in the heart of the worst inflation in 30 years, Americans are overwhelmingly supportive of increasing spending if it will fund biosecurity efforts (**81% support**).
3. In fact, voters even become more likely to support an elected official if they know that official fights for additional spending and resources for such efforts.

## ***VOTERS ARE CONCERNED, & NOT CONFIDENT IN BIOSECURITY PREPAREDNESS***

**In total, 70% of voters say they are concerned about the threat of another pandemic** (compared to just 44% who said they were concerned about similar diseases [in 2018](#)) – and 40% are very concerned.

Q: COVID-19 is an example of what's called an emerging infectious disease, which evolved into a pandemic. Incidence of emerging infectious diseases have increased in the past 20 years and may continue to increase in the near future. How concerned are you about the threat of another pandemic?

Very concerned: 40%

Somewhat concerned: 30%

Not at all concerned: 22%

Unsure: 8%

**An even higher share of voters – 77% – are concerned about a biological or chemical attack** (compared to 34% in 2018).

Q: Intelligence agencies have confirmed Russia, China, North Korea, ISIS and others have used chemical or biological weapons in recent years, and it is easier and less expensive than ever to engineer such a weapon. How concerned are you about a potential biological or chemical attack by rogue nations or terrorists against the U.S. or our allies?

Very concerned: 46%

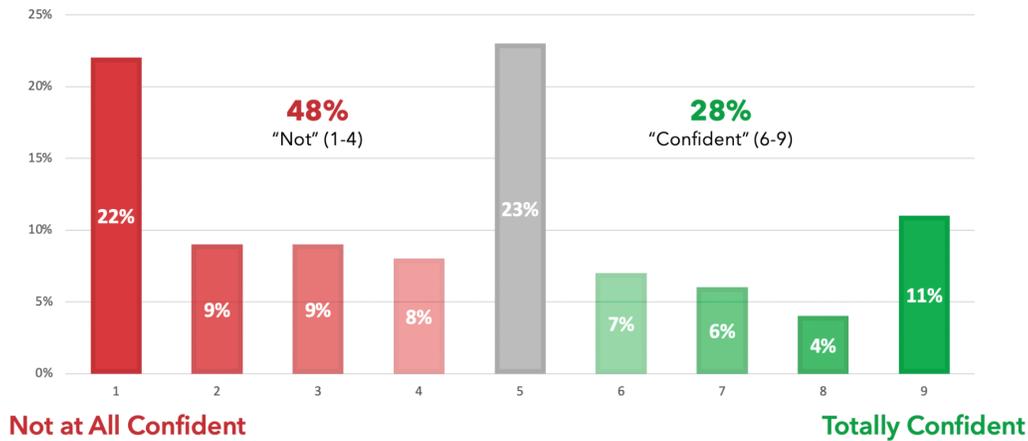
Somewhat concerned: 31%

Not at all concerned: 16%

Unsure: 7%

Perhaps more alarming than the level of concern about these threats is voters' lack of confidence in the country's preparedness against them. **Nearly half of those surveyed – 48% – say they are NOT confident that the U.S. is prepared to address the next biosecurity threat** (with just 28% saying they are confident).

Q: On a scale from one to nine, with nine meaning totally confident and one meaning not confident at all – How confident are you that the U.S. is prepared to address the next biosecurity threat, whether a COVID-19 variant, pandemic flu, or smallpox outbreak?



**VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY WANT TO INCREASE SPENDING ON BIOSECURITY**

Voters are united and enthusiastic about addressing these concerns: a whopping 81% of voters say they would be supportive of Congress increasing the budget for developing preventive measures for biological and chemical threats.

Q: If Congress decided to increase the budget this year for developing preventive measures for biological and chemical threats – whether man-made or naturally occurring like COVID-19, would your general impression be: very supportive, somewhat supportive, somewhat opposed, or very opposed?

- Very supportive: 51%
- Somewhat supportive: 30%
- Somewhat opposed: 9%
- Very opposed: 6%
- Unsure: 4%

**ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN EXPECT THE SUPPORT OF VOTERS WHEN BACKING SUCH EFFORTS**

Most voters want their representative in Congress to join the Caucus whose members spend more of their time working to address biosecurity (59% supporting, to just 16% opposing).

Q: Would you support your congressperson joining a Biosecurity Caucus and spending more of their time in Congress working with their colleagues to improve the development, production, and distribution of life-saving medical countermeasures to combat pandemics, biological or chemical attacks, and natural disasters?

- Yes, support: 59%
- No, oppose: 16%
- Unsure: 25%

Most voters also become more likely to vote for an elected official who actively supports increasing biosecurity funding (55% more likely, to just 22% less likely).

Q: If you knew your elected representative was actively engaged in promoting and supporting additional funding of biosecurity to protect the US from biological threats like COVID-19, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them in their next election?

- More likely: 55%
- Less likely: 22%
- No difference: 23%

METHODOLOGY: Survey conducted November 3 through November 8, 2021, by Remington Research Group on behalf of the Alliance for Biosecurity. 1,517 likely 2022 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2022 General Election. Margin of Error is +/- 2.5% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.