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## The Alliance for Biosecurity Urges Congress to Support the President's FY 2018 Budget Request to Support Preparedness Against Biological Threats

FY 18 Discretionary Additions are Needed to Support Necessary Preparedness Activities

The Alliance for Biosecurity commends the Administration's support for \$5.5 billion in FY 18 for Project BioShield. We urge Congress to fully fund Project BioShield at this level in order to show a commitment to protecting U.S. citizens against biological crises, whether generated by terrorists and foreign enemies or naturally occurring.

The President's request would support the development and stockpiling of medical countermeasures (MCM) by restoring funding to the levels originally intended by Congress in the wake of the 9/11 and anthrax attacks. We must not be complacent. Biological threats have only increased since then, as demonstrated by reports surrounding North Korean programs, ISIS intentions, and naturally occurring viruses like Ebola and Zika. Only this past week, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coates testified before Congress that North Korea will continue its long-standing biological warfare efforts.

We respectfully request that Congress fully fund the \$5.5 billion in FY 18 to fill gaps in our nation's MCM stockpile, which falls short of protecting our nation's public health.

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*The Alliance for Biosecurity is a coalition of biopharmaceutical companies and laboratory/academic partners that promotes a strong public-private partnership to ensure medical countermeasures are available to protect public health and enhance national health security. The Alliance advocates for public policies and funding to support the rapid development, production, stockpiling, and distribution of critically needed medical countermeasures. Learn more online at [AllianceForBiosecurity.com](http://AllianceForBiosecurity.com).*