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Alliance for Biosecurity Applauds Bipartisan Increase in Public Health Threat Preparedness Funding

Polling shows public supports increased funding for biosecurity

WASHINGTON, DC – The Alliance for Biosecurity today welcomed the increase in funding for public health threat preparedness included in the FY2022 Budget passed on a bipartisan basis by both the House and Senate and slated to be signed by President Joe Biden this afternoon.

Specifically, the budget includes increase of hundreds of millions of dollars for the Office the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Additionally, the bill also creates the Advanced Research Projects for Health (ARPA-H) and increases funding for pandemic flu research and response.

“Taking proactive steps to fund crucial government agencies like ASPR and BARADA allows America to better prepare for future public health threats,” said Chris Frech, co-chair of the Alliance for Biosecurity. “We applaud the bipartisan support for these issues and the foresight to address them in this legislation. As our recent poll proved, voters overwhelmingly support increased spending to plan for and mitigate the risks associated with pandemics, even amidst other demands on federal budgets.”

Congress is also considering legislation, especially the bipartisan Prepare for and Respond to Existing Viruses, Emerging New Threats (PREVENT) Pandemics Act authored by Senate HELP Committee Chair and Ranking Members Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC).

The Alliance, along with other stakeholders in biosecurity and public health, have encouraged the senators to address a number of issues with America's current preparedness planning. [The Alliance's letter to Sens. Murray and Burr can be read here.](#)

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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 needed medical countermeasures.

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