November 13, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader US Senate S-221 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 Mitch McConnell Minority Leader US Senate S-230 Capitol Building

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The Honorable Hakeem Je ries Minority Leader US House of Representatives H-204 Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeries,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to urge you to include a comprehensive reauthorization of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) in a legislative package before the end of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congressional Session.

The Senate and House health committees have each passed reauthorization bills that make critical improvements to our naiThese threats—whether they emerge from advances in biotechnology and art

naturally occurring outbreaks, major storms, deliberate attacks, or accidents—require an agile, authorized, responsive government infrastructure.

The PAHPA framework, which was originally authorized 17 years ago, expired on September 30, 2023, requiring stopgap, temporary extensions in prior continuing resolutions. However, we urge you to pass a comprehensive PAHPA reauthorization package, one that includes key new provisions that strengthen US preparedness and response capabilities, before the end of the year.

The last three PAHPA reauthorization packages shared major recurring themes: they all adjusted to the changing threat landscape, focused on challenges identified since the prior bill, and strengthened our nation's health security with each reauthorization. A new reauthorization bill would continue to do that by strengthening existing programs and continuing to adapt and improve America's health security infrastructure for new and future challenges.

Failing to reauthorize PAHPA now would have serious e ects on our country's economic wellbeing, national security, and health given the rapidly changing threat landscape. For example, Congress would leave critical preparedness programs—like the Strategic National Stockpile, medical supply chain resilience, and hospital preparedness programs—without clear direction and oversight.

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

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter; please contact Joel Straus at joel.straus@jhu.edu with any questions.

Sincerely (in alphabetical order),

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Council of State Bioscience Associations

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