

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, and Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing a diverse group of our nation's leading healthcare stakeholders, we are pleased to express unified support for S. 3799, the Prepare for and Respond to Existing Viruses, Emerging New Threats, and Pandemics Act (PREVENT Pandemics Act). We urge you to swiftly enact this bipartisan legislation focused on strengthening the nation's public health and medical preparedness and response systems in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation is vitally important as we continue responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and prepare for future public health emergencies. S. 3799 is a crucial step forward in improving strategy and coordination while strengthening public-private partnerships. The PREVENT Pandemics Act would improve our testing and treatment capabilities and address the disparities which make public healthcare challenges harder on vulnerable populations. We appreciate the legislation's supply chain provisions that provide the Strategic National Stockpile with additional flexibility to partner with distributors and manufacturers.

Additionally, S. 3799 includes important efforts to strengthen state and federal preparedness, increase the public health workforce, and support research and countermeasures. Provisions support the important work of preparation, including biosurveillance, genome sequencing, a new epidemic forecasting center, loan forgiveness for public health professionals, a new advisory committee to help improve communications during a public health emergency, a One Health Framework, and other ways to incentivize new talent in public health.

Enacting the PREVENT Pandemics Act will better equip our nation with the tools to combat future public health challenges and threats and bring us one step closer to filling the gaps in our future pandemic response. We appreciate your continued leadership on these critical issues. Our organizations look forward to working with leaders in Congress to ensure this legislation reaches the President's desk this year.

Sincerely,

AIDS United
American Academy of Family Physicians
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Mosquito Control Association
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Virology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
BIO
Biophysical Society
College of American Pathologists
Entomological Society of America
Health Industry Distributors Association
HIV Medicine Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
National Rural Health Association
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Physician Assistant Education Association
Research!America
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
The Gerontological Society of America
Vector-Borne Disease Network

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The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
The Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chair, House Energy & Commerce Committee
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee