Protecting Americans from All-Hazards Preparedness Act

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Comprehensive, bipartisan reauthorization of the Protecting Americans from all-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) is needed to ensure the United States can prepare for, detect, and respond to known and emerging health threats that can destabilize the nation, endanger Americans and disrupt critical infrastructure.

Congress Must Act

Americans remain deeply concerned about the nation's preparedness. Recent deadly disease outbreaks of novel Ebola strains and the suspected pneumonic plague incident in Russia underscore persistent risks in an interconnected world.

Comprehensive, bipartisan PAHPA reauthorization will strengthen America's biodefense posture, sustain medical countermeasure innovation, protect the warfighter and homeland and ensure the federal government can deter, detect, and respond to CBRN and emerging threats before they become national security emergencies.

The Urgent Need

Core PAHPA authorities expired in 2023, creating uncertainty for the biodefense enterprise, private-sector partners and supply chains for medical countermeasures (MCMs). Reauthorization will secure domestic capacity for MCMs, diagnostics, raw materials and surge manufacturing needed before and during a crisis.

Key Provisions

- State and local readiness: Reauthorize the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grants that support health departments and hospitals on the front lines of emergencies.
- Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) as a strategic preparedness lead: Maintain clear federal leadership for national health security, biodefense coordination, and rapid response to CBRN and emerging threats.
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) readiness: Modernize stockpile requirements, replenishment, and distribution so critical countermeasures and supplies are available when needed during an emergency.
- Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) public-private partnerships: Preserve flexible authorities that help industry develop countermeasures commercial markets do not exist.
- Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise (PHEMCE) threat-based planning: Reinforce interagency coordination that aligns intelligence informed threat assessments with research, procurement, and stockpile priorities.
- Early detection: Codify wastewater surveillance and expand diagnostic testing capacity.