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**ALLIANCE FOR BIOSECURITY CELEBRATES COMMITTEE'S PASSAGE OF
STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT**

The Alliance for Biosecurity commends the House Energy and Commerce Committee for passing H.R. 3299, the Strengthening Public Health Emergency Response Act of 2015, sponsored by Reps. Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA). The bill now heads to the House floor.

Passing the committee with strong bipartisan support clearly demonstrates the committee's recognition of the importance of strengthening our biosecurity enterprise. The provisions within H.R. 3299 support preparedness for future public health emergencies by creating new incentives for developing necessary medicines and vaccines and streamlining the contracting process for medical countermeasures.

"We are thrilled that the committee, and particularly Congresswomen Brooks and Eshoo, have made it a priority to accelerate the development of medical countermeasures for national security threats, which H.R. 3299 does by providing new research incentives, increasing transparency, and ensuring predictable and flexible contracting," said Chris Frech, Emergent BioSolutions Senior Vice President for Global Government Affairs and Alliance for Biosecurity Co-Chairman.

The Alliance hopes to see this bipartisan momentum carried into the full House with a vote in the fall. In the Senate, Sens. Richard Burr (R-NC) and Bob Casey (D-PA) have introduced similar legislation, which has been passed on a bipartisan basis by the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

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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.

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