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ALLIANCE FOR BIOSECURITY RELEASES STATEMENT ON ZIKA VIRUS

The Alliance for Biosecurity released the following statement on the need for industry partners and government to work together to address known threats, such as the Zika virus, and potential future biological threats:

“When an emerging disease with the potential for widespread health complications surfaces on the world stage, Americans want to know how the government is working to address the impending threat. The biotechnology companies and partners within the Alliance for Biosecurity work day in and day out to develop novel vaccines and treatments to respond to biological threats – both emerging infectious diseases and deliberate bioterrorism threats – that are prioritized by the government. Since there is no clear commercial market for these products until a significant outbreak occurs, government and the private sector must have long-term partnerships in place to develop life-saving medical countermeasures for Zika and other national health security threats. Adequate funding and meaningful incentives must be in place before the next threat reaches our shores, to ensure the needed medical countermeasures are ready to go.”

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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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