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**ALLIANCE FOR BIOSECURITY HONORS EIGHT BIPARTISAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITH  
CONGRESSIONAL BIOSECURITY CHAMPION AWARDS**

*HONOREES INCLUDE FOUR SENATORS AND FOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS*

The Alliance for Biosecurity is proud to announce the recipients of the 2017 Congressional Biosecurity Champion Award: Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS), Senator Steve Daines (R-MT), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK), Congressman Charlie Dent (R-PA), Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD). This award acknowledges members of Congress who have shown leadership and taken significant action to advance policies and funding to improve U.S. national health security and preparedness.

Medical countermeasures are vital to our preparedness efforts for biological threats, both manmade and naturally occurring. A sustained effort from Congressional leaders is essential to ensuring that the programs designed to enhance and support preparedness are adequately funded year after year. With this award, the Alliance recognizes those members of Congress that have demonstrated their long-term commitment to biosecurity by undertaking efforts to support and enhance federal preparedness and response programs. Highlights of recipients' contributions include:

- **Senator Cochran** has exhibited strong leadership on the Senate Appropriations Committee to increase and sustain funding for national health security programs, particularly the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the BioShield Special Reserve Fund (SRF).
- **Senator Daines** has been firmly committed to promoting funding for BARDA and the SRF and has played a key role in educating and raising awareness of biodefense issues among his colleagues on the Appropriations Committee.
- **Senator Murray** has shown commitment to national health security through her leadership roles on the Appropriations and Health Committees, including by increasing funding for BARDA and the SRF, and promoting innovation in the development of medical countermeasure through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.
- **Senator Whitehouse** has been a sustained champion for improving our understanding of biological threats, increasing funding for biodefense medical countermeasures and supporting innovation in medical countermeasure development through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act in the Health Committee.
- **Congressman Cole** has been a vocal champion of programs critical to protecting the American people from chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats and his leadership on the LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee has been instrumental to increasing funding for BARDA and the SRF.
- **Congressman Dent** has championed pandemic influenza and biodefense preparedness for several years through his important role on the House Appropriations Committee.

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- **Congresswoman DeLauro** has been a champion in enhancing our preparedness against pandemic influenza and other biological threats and has exhibited strong leadership on these issues as Ranking Member of the LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee.
- **Congressman Roppersberger** has been a dedicated champion on biodefense and pandemic flu funding and supported the medical countermeasures innovation provisions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.

In keeping with the innovative nature of the work of the members of the Alliance, the award is a unique one-of-a-kind design produced by a 3D printer.

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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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