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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
H-204 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), I am writing with our strong support for the Senate Amendment to H.R. 307, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness (PAHPA) Reauthorization Act of 2013, which will be considered on the floor of the House on March 4th.

BIO represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States. BIO members are involved in the research and development of healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. Our members play a central role in ensuring the effective development of medical countermeasures (MCMs) to protect our nation's citizens against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats, whether naturally occurring or man-made.

We strongly support the simultaneous reauthorization of Project BioShield and the Special Reserve Fund (SRF) with the reauthorization of PAHPA. Because the government represents the sole marketplace for the vast majority of MCMs, the funding available through the SRF is vital for private companies, considering the high cost and significant time commitment associated with the development and manufacture of these products.

We thank you for quickly moving the legislation forward in the House, and we look forward to this legislation passing, and then being signed into law in the near future. We wish to especially congratulate Reps. Mike Rogers (R-MI) and Gene Green (D-TX) for their leadership on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Greenwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent than the last name "Greenwood".

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