

National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology

May 24, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

The National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology (NSCEB) is closely monitoring activity in Congress related to Federal procurement bans on products and services from concerning biotechnology companies. We write to express our support for H.R. 8333, the BIOSECURE Act, that [passed favorably](#) out of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform on May 15, 2024, and we urge you to promote resilient supply chains and a robust biotechnology innovation system to complement the provisions of this legislation.

We view this Federal procurement ban as a necessary step to protect our national security interests, and we recognize that the U.S. biotechnology industry needs reliable and cost-competitive access to biotechnology equipment and services, some of which are currently offered by entities defined by BIOSECURE Act as “companies of concern.” The Commission will continue to engage with lawmakers to explore legislative efforts that will de-risk our supply chains and bolster the biotechnology industry, including strategic domestic policies and collaboration with allies and like-minded partners.

We appreciate your timely leadership in this critical area and look forward to continuing our work with lawmakers in ensuring that the United States leads the world in biotechnology development and deployment.

Sincerely,



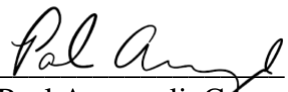
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The Honorable Gary Peters, Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security &
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The Honorable Rand Paul, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security &
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The Honorable James Comer, Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and
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