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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 2016 Congressional Biosecurity Champion Award: Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI), Congressman Tony Cardenas (D-CA), Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), Congresswoman Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and Congressman Andy Harris (R-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. It will take a sustained effort from Congressional leaders to ensure 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 reviews of current federal programs and advocating for future enhancements to these programs. Highlights of recipients' contributions include:

- **Senator Ayotte** has championed bolstering preparedness by sponsoring S. 1915, the First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act.
- **Senator Baldwin** has been a champion in enhancing our preparedness against pandemic influenza and other biological threats.
- **Senator Blunt** has been steadfast in his support for biosecurity by securing funding increases for Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) and the Special Reserve Fund in 2016 and supporting a robust, innovative biopharmaceutical industry.
- **Congressman Cardenas** led the House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee as a lead Democrat co-sponsor of H.R. 3299, the Strengthening Public Health Emergency Response Act of 2015.
- **Congresswoman DeGette** has been championing pandemic influenza preparedness for over a decade and has engaged with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in hearings and in letters on the issue of pandemic influenza.
- **Congresswoman Ellmers** supported biosecurity across the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise, cosponsoring H.R. 3299 and hosting vaccine roundtables in support of the 21st Century Cures legislation.
- **Congressman Harris** has championed an increase in the Special Reserve Fund for 2016 and led the effort in the House of Representatives to increase funding for BARDA.
- **Senator Schatz** has been a vocal advocate for increased funding for medical countermeasures through BARDA and the BioShield Special Reserve Fund.

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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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