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The Honorable Brian Babin
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren:

We write as a coalition of organizations united in support of American leadership in biotechnology and biomanufacturing, urging the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology to hold markups of several bipartisan biotechnology bills during the remaining time of the 119th Congress. Each of these bills advances recommendations from the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology (NSCEB) and falls within your committee's jurisdiction.

As you know, the NSCEB was established to help Congress and the executive branch understand the national and economic security stakes of the rapidly evolving biotechnology innovation ecosystem, and to recommend a whole-of-government strategy to ensure the United States leads the bioeconomy of the future. Over the course of its work, the Commission built a substantial bipartisan, bicameral record and a slate of actionable recommendations spanning biomanufacturing capacity, data infrastructure, workforce development, and education. This includes 40 of the 49 recommendations that have seen bipartisan legislative action in either chamber, including 19 recommendations included in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act alone.

The Commission is statutorily set to sunset at the end of this year, making this moment critical. While the window to translate the NSCEB's recommendations into durable law will not be closed after the NSCEB sunsets, we need to ensure that the momentum behind implementing the Commission's recommendations continues as we transition into the next Congress. Moving these bills through markup now would send a clear signal that Congress intends to build on the Commission's work rather than let it lapse with the Commission itself.

We respectfully urge the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology to schedule markups this Congress on the following bills, each of which addresses a distinct, actionable recommendation from the NSCEB's report:

- **H.R. 2756, National Biotechnology Initiative Act —** Establishes a National Biotechnology Coordination Office and interagency committee to align federal biotechnology activities across agencies, reducing duplication and ensuring the government pursues a coherent, whole-of-government biotechnology strategy.
- **H.R. 7936, Bioindustrial Scale-Up for Supply Chains and Energy Resiliency Act —** Directs the Department of Energy to establish at least two bioindustrial technology maturation facilities so companies can prove their biomanufacturing processes at scale, closing the infrastructure gap that keeps American innovations from reaching commercial production.

- **H.R. 6089, Biomanufacturing Excellence Act —** Directs NIST to establish a National Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Center of Excellence to advance manufacturing methods, support regulatory alignment, and train the workforce needed to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign biopharmaceutical manufacturers.
- **H.R. 9307, Web of Biological Data Act —** Directs the Department of Energy to establish the Web of Biological Data, a centralized, secure, AI-ready resource that gives American researchers a single point of access to high-quality biological data funded by the federal government.
- **H.R. 7801, Cloud LAB Act —** Directs the National Science Foundation to establish a national network of automated 'cloud labs,' giving researchers anywhere in the country remote access to high-quality laboratory instrumentation to generate data and train AI models.
- **H.R. 8938, Biotechnology Workforce Alignment Act —** Directs the National Science Foundation to align federal biotechnology research investments with workforce development, helping close persistent talent shortages in biomanufacturing, synthetic biology, and computational biology.
- **H.R. 8268, Biotechnology for All High School Students Act —** Establishes a National Biotechnology Education Consortium to expand hands-on biotechnology education in high schools, prioritizing schools with limited resources, so the next generation is prepared for careers in this critical field.

These bills all address the core pillars of the NSCEB's action plan: scaling domestic biomanufacturing capacity and supply chain resilience, modernizing the data and computing infrastructure that underpins biotechnology innovation, safeguarding biosecurity, and building the skilled workforce and public understanding needed to sustain American leadership in the bioeconomy for decades to come. They enjoy broad, cross-sector support because they represent practical, bipartisan steps that strengthen U.S. competitiveness against China and other strategic competitors in a field that will shape both our economy and our national security.

We appreciate your committee's continued attention to these issues and stand ready to provide any additional information that would be helpful as you consider scheduling these markups. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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