

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services
And Education
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro and Chair Aderholt:

We, the undersigned professional societies and associations, academic institutions, and companies representing a broad range of scientific, public health, and clinical professionals, thank you for your past support of the Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Thanks to Congressional actions over the past two years, the AMD program expanded training for public health and clinical laboratory professionals in genomics and bioinformatics, and it has helped to grow the workforce needed for data analysis, interpretation and decision-making. Through regional workforce development and investment in shared technology services, AMD is helping to ensure that that nation's public health microbiologists, epidemiologists and other health care professionals have the tools needed to apply biotechnology-driven innovations to complex problems. This enables higher quality data and analytics that CDC and its public health partners can use to detect outbreaks sooner, respond more effectively, and ensure that these tools are available in laboratories across the U.S. In addition to dozens of public-private partnerships that have been leveraged to address sequencing of COVID-19 samples, the program also has forged innovative partnerships with public health agencies and academic laboratories in five states through new Pathogen Genomics Centers of Excellence. These centers will ensure that our public health system can continue to benefit from rapidly evolving, cutting-

