



THE REPORT

OCTOBER 28, 2015

Panel releases A National Blueprint for Biodefense: Leadership and Major Reform Needed to Optimize Efforts

A NATIONAL **BLUEPRINT FOR**

BIPARTISAN REPORT OF THE BLUE RIBBON STUDY PANEL ON BIODEFENSE



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TERRORISM

THE PUBLIC

Press conference held at Reserve Officers Association to launch report, generating 129,462,196 media impressions Presenters: Lieberman, Ridge, Wainstein | October 28, 2015

Institute of Medicine Standing Committee for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Strategic National Stockpile invites staff to present Presenter: Carlin | February 5, 2016

Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies holds annual conference on International Cooperation in Combatting Terrorism at the National Press Club, invites Panel to present Presenters: Lieberman, Ridge | February 8, 2016

Institute of Medicine Medical Preparedness Forum invites staff to present Presenter: George | February 24, 2015 and February 25, 2016

Infocast Annual Vaccine + Therapeutics Conference invites staff to present Presenters: George, Carlin | June 3, 2015 and May 18, 2016

Lieberman, Ridge publish Op-Ed in Roll Call, "America Needs to Strengthen Biodefense Now" June 12, 2015

Lieberman, Ridge publish Op-Ed in The Philadelphia Inquirer, "U.S. Path to Better Biodefense" October 28, 2015

The Washington Post covers launch, "Blue Ribbon Panel Report: United States Lacking in Biodefense" October 28, 2015

FOX News interviews Ridge on America's Newsroom, Newsmax TV interviews Lieberman on Newsmax Prime October 28, 2015

The New York Times publishes news analysis, "Can Health Care Providers Afford to Be Ready for Disaster?" by Sheri Fink, citing Shalala testimony on hospital preparedness February 12, 2016

Chairman Fred Upton of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce cites Panel in Washington Examiner Op-Ed on Zika preparedness, "Here's What We Know about the Zika Virus" March 10, 2016



THE CONGRESS

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs holds hearing, "Assessing the State of our Nation's Biodefense" Witnesses: Lieberman, Ridge | October 28, 2015

House Committee on Homeland Security holds hearing, "Defending Against Terrorism: How Vulnerable is America?" Witnesses: Lieberman, Ridge | November 3, 2015

Rep. Susan Brooks meets with Ken Wainstein to discuss biodefense oversight and legislative opportunities February 3, 2016

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the House Committee on Armed Services holds hearing, "Outside Views on Biodefense for the Department of Defense"

Witnesses: Wainstein, Parker | February 3, 2016

Representative Joe Wilson presents one-minute speech on the House Floor, citing work of Panel
February 11, 2016

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

holds hearing, "Outbreaks, Attacks, and Accidents: Combatting Biological Threats"

Witnesses: Shalala, Greenwood | February 12, 2016

Panel's report inspires series of hearings, roundtables held by the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications of the House Committee on Homeland Security:

- Industry roundtable on biodetection solutions February 10, 2016
- Hearing, "Improving the Department of Homeland Security's Biological Detection and Surveillance Programs" February 11, 2016
- Hearing, "Food for Thought: Efforts to Defend the Nation's Agriculture and Food" February 26, 2016

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions passes S. 2055, *The Medical Countermeasure Innovation Act of 201*5 (Recommendations 29a, 29c) March 9, 2016

FY2016: Congress funds National Animal Health Laboratory Network to authorized levels (Recommendation 14b)

FY2016: Congressional appropriations exceed President's request for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program (Recommendation 17a)

Reps. Susan Brooks and Anna Eshoo cite work of Panel in Dear Colleague letter seeking support for H.R. 3299, Strengthening Public Health Emergency Response Act of 2015 January 12, 2016



THE ADMINISTRATION

Vice President Joe Biden meets with Lieberman, Ridge, Chairman Ron Johnson and Ranking Member Tom Carper of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs December 16, 2015

Office of the Vice President and National Security Council staff meet with Panel staff for policy follow-up to Vice President meeting $_{\rm January\ 27,\ 2016}$

2016: CDC undertakes planning to forward deploy SNS assets to New York City (Recommendation 23b)

FY2016: President, Congress double BioShield Special Reserve Fund and provide substantial increase for BARDA advanced development funding (Recommendation 28a)



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