



September 24, 2020 – Public Meeting

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## The Biological Event Horizon: No Return or Total Resilience

### OBJECTIVE

Provide the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense with a better understanding of emerging biological threats and innovative technology for biodefense.

### SCHEDULE

**9:00 – 9:30 am**                      **Opening Remarks**

**9:30 – 10:25 am**                      **Panel One: Congressional Perspective**

*Sitting Members of Congress will discuss the role of the Legislative Branch in addressing biological threats.*

**Representative Susan Brooks (R-IN)**

Member, Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives

**Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO)**

Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives

**10:25 am – 11:40 am**                      **Panel Two: Emerging Biological Risks**

*Academic and non-governmental representatives will discuss emerging biotechnological risks and how biological threats like COVID-19 are becoming increasingly common.*

**Jaime Yassif, PhD**

Senior Fellow, Global Biological Policy and Programs, Nuclear Threat Initiative

**Sohini Ramachandran, PhD**

Associate Professor of Biology, Director of Graduate Studies for the Center for Computational Molecular Biology, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Brown University

**Nita Madhav, MSPH**

Chief Executive Officer, President, and Board Member, Metabiota

**11:40 am – 12:40 pm**

**Panel Three: The Future of Biodefense**

*A non-governmental representative and a former federal official will discuss emerging technologies and ways to improve federal efforts to harness this new technology for biodefense.*

**Kavita M. Berger, PhD**

Director, Board on Life Sciences, National Academies of Sciences

**Luciana Borio, MD**

Vice President, Technical Staff, In-Q-Tel; Former Director for Medical and Biodefense Preparedness, National Security Council; Former Assistant Commissioner for Counterterrorism Policy and Director, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats, Office of the Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration; and Former Senior Medical Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services

**12:40 – 12:45 pm**

**Closing Remarks**

**12:45 pm**

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