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House Debates National Biosurveillance Bill That Will Collect and Share New Real-Time Health Information Without Consent

Citizens' Council for Health Freedom Implores Citizens to Call Legislators in Opposition

STATEMENT by Twila Brase, President of the Citizens' Council for Health Freedom:

“This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will consider and debate the merits of H.R. 307, the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013. The act would authorize the federal government to connect online with private clinics and hospitals to collect and share real-time private health information and **to share the information nationally and internationally**. It also authorizes the updating and enhancement of current biosurveillance activities, **at a cost of more than \$138 million over the next four years.**

This initiative is yet another means to intrude into the private health of American citizens through the intrusive Nationwide Health Information Network, state health information exchanges, and potentially through use of the Federal Data Services Hub and the insurance Exchanges created by Obamacare. The taxpayer money authorized may even be used to help build these Exchanges, **which are designed to have connectivity and interoperability of medical and other data nationwide through the Hub**. It is an unnecessary expense that once again leaves citizens stripped of ultimate authority and privacy for their own health care.

Citizens must oppose H.R. 307, and call their Representatives in the U.S. House to implore them to vote against the bill.”

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