

The Honorable Joseph Biden, Jr.
1401 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

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Dear President-elect Biden:

The undersigned organizations representing clinicians, scientists, public health, veterinary professionals, hospitals, patients, advocates and the pharmaceutical and diagnostics industries, thank you for your leadership as Vice President alongside President Barack Obama in launching the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-resistant Infections. In the United States, there are 26,000 antibiotic-resistant deaths each year, more than 35,000 deaths.

¹ As modern medicine advances, we heavily rely on antibiotics to combat infections and address life threatening complications in procedures such as cancer chemotherapy,

pharmaceutical companies

American Society for Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Amplix Pharmaceuticals
Antibiotic Resistance Action Center, George Washington University
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Public and Landgrant Universities
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
bioMerieux, Inc.
Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy
CIMAR
CommonSpirit Health
Consumer Reports
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Duke Center for Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention
Food & Water Watch
Food Animal Concerns Trust
Health Care Without Harm
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Making-A-Difference in Infectious Diseases
Michigan Antibiotic Resistance Reduction Coalition
Microbion Corporation
National Athletic Trainers' Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
ONCORD, Inc.
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Peggy Lillis Foundation
Qpex Biopharma, Inc.
Research!America
Sepsis Alliance
Small World Initiative
Social Innovation on Drug Resistance, Boston University
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
Spero Therapeutics
Stop TB USA
The Antimicrobials Working Group
(Amplix Pharmaceuticals, Cidara Therapeutics Inc., Entasis Therapeutics Inc., Iterum
Therapeutics Ltd., Nabriva Therapeutics US Inc., Melinta Therapeutics, Paratek

The Gerontological Society of America

The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future

The Joint Commission

The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Stuart B. Levy Center for Integrated Management of Antimicrobial Resistance at Tufts

Trust for America's Health