

January 16, 2026

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Reauthorization of the *Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA)***

Dear Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries:

We, the undersigned members of the Trauma Coalition, again write **to urge Congress to swiftly reauthorize the *Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA)***, most of which lapsed in September 2023. Certain provisions that had been temporarily extended are set to expire on January 30, 2026.

This vital legislation ensures the nation is adequately prepared to respond to man-made, natural, and public health emergencies / disasters. In addition, PAHPA ensures the nation's readiness against novel emerging threats, strengthens our national security, and supports frontline providers in saving lives and stabilizing communities.

The Trauma Coalition represents a broad and integrated network of stakeholders including surgeons, emergency physicians, trauma and emergency nurses, emergency medical services (EMS) professionals, trauma and burn centers, and blood centers. Our providers and institutions not only care for severely injured patients every day but also form the front lines of the nation's public health and disaster response infrastructure. Our organizations know firsthand the important role that PAHPA plays in ensuring that these systems are prepared and can execute their critical mission when called upon.

Failing to reauthorize PAHPA and properly funding its programs will hinder our nation's ability to respond swiftly, effectively, and in a coordinated effort to public health emergencies. The challenges presented by a recent pandemic and ongoing natural disasters underscore the importance of a robust and comprehensive public health preparedness framework. PAHPA has been instrumental in coordinating federal efforts to enhance our nation's ability to respond effectively to public health emergencies, ensuring that we are adequately prepared to protect the health and safety of our citizens.

The Trauma Coalition was pleased to see bipartisan, bicameral language to reauthorize PAHPA included in the original December 2024 continuing resolution agreement. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, PAHPA has not been reauthorized. Our organizations cannot understate the immense impact PAHPA has on our nation's preparedness and response capabilities, and reauthorization of this essential legislation is long overdue. **As Congress negotiates an appropriations package or continuing resolution that may include additional health policy, we strongly urge for the inclusion of PAHPA reauthorization.**

Sincerely,

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American Burn Association

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Surgeons

American Society of Anesthesiologists

American Trauma Society

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Emergency Nurses Association

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

Orthopaedic Trauma Association

Society of Trauma Nurses

Trauma Center Association of America