



October 27, 2025



The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, DC 20510



The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510



Dear Chairmen Rogers and Wicker and Ranking Members Smith and Reed:



As you begin the process of reconciling the House and Senate-passed versions of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we write to respectfully request that you include the biotechnology-related provisions from the House and Senate-passed NDAs in the conference report.



In the Fiscal Year 2022 NDAA, Congress established the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology (NSCEB) and charged the NSCEB with developing recommendations to advance U.S. leadership in biotechnology for national security and economic resilience.



Earlier this year, the NSCEB issued those recommendations, including recommendations for your committees and the Department of Defense. The NSCEB prefaced the recommendations with this stark warning:



Advances in biotechnology represent a paradigm shift in how conflicts can be fought and won. The countries that seize the moment will retain or achieve superpower status. Those that fail to do so will not only fall behind but also become vulnerable to the use of biotechnology against them.



The NSCEB found that “[t]he Department of Defense (DOD) must deploy and incorporate biotechnology into next-generation warfighting capabilities before the United States’ adversaries do.”



To meet the challenges described in the NSCEB report, we ask that you include the biotechnology-related provisions from the House and Senate NDAs in the conference report.



Sincerely,



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The Honorable Hakeem Jefferies, House Minority Leader

The Honorable John Thune, Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Senate Minority Leader