

BSA Executive Committee MINUTES
November 28, 2022
Email Vote

The BSA voted in favor of joining the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Natural Science Collections Alliance and several scientific societies and organizations in signing on to a letter that provides input on the discussion draft of the One Health Security Act, a forthcoming legislation led by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

The One Health Security Act aims to create a mechanism to enhance interagency coordination, streamline funding, and strengthen our early warning and detection networks to rapidly respond to emerging biological threats. Senator Gillibrand's office was accepting comments on the discussion draft, with plans to introduce the bill later this year and then again in the next Congress.

The sign-on letter urges that the bill be expanded to include biodiversity infrastructure (e.g., biorepositories, associated digital assets, expertise, and our vast natural resource agencies) as a critical component of our national research infrastructure for pathogen prediction, surveillance, and mitigation.