Dear Colleague,

The Global Health Caucus invites you and your staff to hear from global health experts about current and emerging health threats. It has become all too common for global health emergencies to dominate our headlines. During the 1980s and 1990s, it was the spread of HIV/AIDS. Just a little more than two years ago, the global health community first responded to the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa. And today, the United States along with NGOs, our partner nations, and other stakeholders are responding to the spread of the Zika virus.

While we continue to address these health emergencies, it is important that we also prepare for emerging health threats that may impact our children, servicemen and women, seniors, and families in the United States and around the world. Angola is currently confronting an outbreak of yellow fever that has devastated communities, killing more than 320 individuals. This outbreak has already spread to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. At the same time, Mongolia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria are reporting outbreaks of measles.

As we have seen, these deadly diseases have the potential to spread as individuals travel from one community or country to another, bringing the disease along with them. As a global health leader, we have a responsibility to learn from our past responses to global health emergencies and understand emerging health threats so we are able to better respond in the future.

**Speakers:**
- Dr. Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota
- Dr. Rebecca Martin, Director of CDC's Global Health
- Dr. Steve Jones, MPH, Program Director, Force Readiness and Health Assurance Policy Office of the DASD-Health Readiness Policy & Oversight
- Chris Skopec, Senior Director for Emergency Preparedness and Response, International Medical Corps

We hope you can attend this important briefing.

Sincerely,

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