

August 31, 2026
Dr. Erica Schwartz
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Health and Human Services

Dear Dr. Schwartz,

On behalf of the Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC), a group of more than 50 nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and aligned businesses working to save and improve lives worldwide by advancing research and development (R&D) of essential health technologies, congratulations on your appointment as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Your distinguished career as Deputy US Surgeon General, occupational medicine physician, and clinical epidemiologist, along with your decades of service in the Navy and US Public Health Service, will be tremendous assets as you lead the CDC.

GHTC and our members have long valued the close and productive relationship we have had with CDC's leadership. Over many years, we have partnered with CDC leadership and staff to educate members of Congress and other key stakeholders about the importance of global health research and the return on investment in programs supported by the agency. This collaboration has been critical in helping policymakers understand how CDC's work strengthens US leadership in science, enhances global health security, and protects health at home and abroad.

As you begin your tenure, we want to underscore the critical role CDC's global health portfolio plays in both the development of new technologies to advance disease detection, prevention, and response, and in building the technical capacity for these activities around the world. CDC's Global Health Center is a global leader in immunization, disease detection and eradication, and public health capacity building, all of which help curb disease outbreaks overseas before they can threaten American health. The National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases also plays an important role globally, developing new diagnostic tools for threats like plague, rabies, and antimicrobial resistance, and serves as an international reference hub for vector-borne viral and bacterial diseases. Importantly, CDC also plays a leadership role in the Global Health Security Agenda and other global health security efforts, sharing expertise, and working to improve the global capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to diseases around the world, including through R&D for new technologies.

As we face a rapidly evolving global health landscape, continued investment in global health R&D remains vital. **GHTC stands ready to serve as a resource to you and your team as you advance CDC's mission, and we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss shared priorities and opportunities for collaboration.**

Congratulations again on your appointment. We look forward to working with you and your team to sustain and build upon CDC's longstanding legacy of advancing public health capacity in the US and globally. I'd very much welcome a brief meeting once you are settled.

Sincerely,



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Global Health Technologies Coalition

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