

February 11, 2021

The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Scott Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bera and Peters:

The undersigned organizations, institutions, and companies representing a broad range of scientific, public health, and clinical professionals, write to express our support for H.R. 791, the Tracking COVID-19 Variants Act. SH -CoV-2 variants emerge, we need this

ancing capacity to identify, track, and mitigate the impact of these new strains, including
cting epidemiologic investigations to determine the significance of new variants on human health.

e especially pleased that the bill authorizes up to \$2 billion in emergency supplemental funding for
vanced Molecular Detection (AMD) program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
to bolster and accelerate its ongoing vital work to conduct national sequence-based viral
alance and integrate genomics and genomic epidemiology. This work has been conducted in part
h an innovative public-private partnership, the Sequencing for Public Health Emergency
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