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Legislative Update: Incentivizing Discovery and Development Investment into Novel Antimicrobial Drugs

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019 report Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States (CDC Report), “more than 2.8 million antibiotic-resistant infections occur in the United States each year, and at least 35,000 people die as a result.” CDC, *Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States* (2019). (CDC Report). Globally that number has been put at 700,000 deaths per year, and a 2019 United Nations interagency group report on antimicrobial resistance estimated that number could reach 10 million a year by 2050 based on current trends. United Nations Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, *No Time to Wait: Securing the Future from Drug-Resistant Infections* (2019). (UN Interagency Report). The recent pandemic has only increased concerns, including for opportunistic infections of those with compromised immunity.