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U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 The Honorable Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security  
 Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Ridge:

I would like to bring to your attention a resource that I feel can be utilized in the area of bio-defense from bio-terrorism to infectious diseases such as SARS.

The resource in question is the Anti-Microbial solution developed by American Biotech Labs in Utah. The ABL Anti-Microbial has undergone rigorous testing and has been found to kill Anthrax, Bubonic Plague, Hospital Staph, and SARS. It is the first new anti-microbial for the hospital in many years!

In addition, the ABL product is non-toxic to humans, EPA Approved (Hospital Staph & Bubonic Plague), and currently awaiting Sec 18 approval (Anthrax).

ABL's solution has shown to be a proven wide-spectrum anti-microbial/bio-decontaminant - that can be used to increase the safety and functionality of healthcare facilities in the event of a bio-terror attack or infectious disease outbreak such as SARS.

In short, we currently do not have anything with such a wide spectrum of efficacy as ABL Anti-Microbial in our inventory.

It should also be noted that ABL provides a dual use for the taxpayer because ABL is working with a faith-based organization that provides healthcare services to the working poor, and plans to train over 100,000 community volunteer first responders.

As such, I recommend that the ABL Anti-Microbial be evaluated for addition to the National Push-pack stockpile.

It will make our nation a safer place to live and work!

Respectfully,

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