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U.S. House of Representatives  
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**Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness,  
Response, and Recovery**  
**Hearing**

“Defending the Homeland from Bioterrorism: Are We Prepared?”

**WITNESSES**

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