

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 27, 2020

Dear Colleague,

We write to invite you to cosponsor the *Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act* (S. 3595), bipartisan legislation that would direct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct a longitudinal study on mild, moderate, and severe cases of COVID-19 to ensure we gain a full understanding of both the short and long-term health impacts of the novel coronavirus.

COVID-19 has spread rapidly around the world, infecting millions of people and killing hundreds of thousands of individuals in just a few short months. Despite the unrelenting work of our scientific and public health communities, much remains unknown about this virus. That is why we must diligently study and track patient outcomes so we can gain a full understanding of the impact of this virus, and how to best treat and prevent it.

This bipartisan bill would help ensure that we do not have gaps in major research by requiring the NIH to conduct a nationwide COVID-19 study of health outcomes and symptoms, including long-term impact on lung function and immune response, and the impact of treatments. The study would include a wide variety of patients, to ensure diversity among race, ethnicity, geography, age, gender, and underlying health conditions. It would also monitor mental health outcomes. The findings would be released publicly every three months for the first two years, and every six months thereafter.

We appreciate your consideration of this important legislation and hope you will join as a cosponsor. If you have any additional questions or would like to cosponsor, please let us know or have your staff contact Megan Thompson in Senator Rosen's office at megan_thompson@rosen.senate.gov or Ansley Rhyne in Senator Rubio's office at ansley_rhyne@rubio.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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