

WASHINGTON- Today Congressman Lee Terry introduced the 'National Integrated Public Health Surveillance Systems and Reportable Conditions Act'. This bill will strengthen our public health system in the United States by improving our science infrastructure at all levels of government. This bill is two years in the making in collaboration with the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Centers for Disease Control.

"This is an extremely important bill. Today local public health departments must confront increased disease outbreaks, emerging infections, pandemic flu and environmental health threats. This bill will identify and monitor infectious diseases, detect new and emerging disease threats and hire and train staff. UNMC played an integral part in creating this legislation that will enhance the nation's public health capacity by strengthening its core science infrastructure and ensuring a seamless, rapid flow of information. This bill will help us meet the serious public health challenges of today and tomorrow," said Congressman Lee Terry.

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