



Government Affairs Committee

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Updates

- ▶ US withdrawals from WHO completed on January 22, 2026
 - ▶ WHO statement: “WHO therefore regrets the United States’ notification of withdrawal from WHO- a decision that makes both the United States and the world less safe”
 - ▶ “We hope that in the future, the United States will return to active participation in WHO. Meanwhile, WHO remains steadfastly committed to working with all countries in pursuit of its core mission and constitutional mandate: the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right for all people.”
- ▶ HIPAG will begin accepting names for membership by end of February and select members in April
- ▶ Congressional briefing with APIC cancelled, but working with Congressional Sponsor on new date
- ▶ CDC has reverted back to using the term “monkeypox”