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The Honorable Xavier Becerra  
United States House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Becerra:

The Center for Genetics and Society (CGS) strongly supports the Genomic Research and Accessibility Act introduced by Representatives Becerra and Weldon and encourages Congress to quickly codify it as law.

CGS is a non-profit organization that promotes responsible use and effective societal governance of new reproductive and genetic technologies. We are particularly concerned with the increased commodification of genetic materials; this bill goes a long way to ensuring that gene patents do not obstruct scientists from pursuing basic research and that private corporations do not exert monopolies over aspects of our common humanity.

The United States needs greater regulation over human biotechnologies, and we hope this bill is a first step to promoting democratic deliberation and public accountability in all human genetics research.

We emphatically support this bill.

Sincerely,

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