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### Ask Congress to Oppose Passage of the Current VALID Act!

ACMG needs your help to prevent passage of the current version of the [Verifying Accurate Leading-edge IVCT Development \(VALID\) Act](#). Congress is actively working to pass a legislative package that would reauthorize necessary user fee agreements for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and they are also considering inclusion of the VALID Act. Click [here](#) to send a letter to your elected officials asking them to oppose the current VALID Act.

As written in the version already passed by the Senate HELP Committee, the VALID Act would significantly hinder laboratories' ability to develop and use laboratory developed tests (LDTs). The bill would give FDA authority over all LDTs, and many would require premarket approval prior to use of a new or modified LDT. FDA premarket review takes many months per test and would be accompanied by costly fees for each review application. While Congress has included some exemptions for specific types of tests, the legislation is still very flawed and could have significant negative consequences for clinical testing laboratories, innovation in testing technology, and patient access to clinical tests and timely results. The legislation has also been opposed by more than 130 organizations (see letter [here](#)).

**For these reasons, we are asking you to send a letter to your elected officials to help educate them about LDTs and urge them to oppose passage of the VALID Act in its current form.** To make it very easy for you to send a letter, ACMG has provided a letter template. You will be asked a series of questions that will be used to generate your letter. You will then have a chance to review and edit the letter before it is sent to your elected officials.

It only takes minutes to ask your elected members of Congress to oppose inclusion of the VALID Act in the FDA user fee legislation. **Click [here](#) to help protect access to LDTs today!**

Please also share this invitation with your colleagues and other advocates! Participation is open to anyone, not just healthcare professionals.

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