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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the people of the United States should have continuous access to timely, up-to-date, and accurate health information.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the people of the United States should have continuous access to timely, up-to-date, and accurate health information.

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services provides crucial external communications to protect the health and well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas urgent communications provided by the Department of Health and Human Services help health care providers and the public learn about and respond to public health incidents and threats, including outbreaks of infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and the opioid overdose epidemic;

Whereas the United States has published the epidemiological digest, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, every week since 1961;

Whereas foodborne disease outbreak notices published by the Department of Health and Human Services are essential in coordinating and investigating illness, helping to respond to the estimated 48,000,000 people who get sick from foodborne disease each year in the United States; and

Whereas, in 2024, public health information reported through the Health Alert Network of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention included information regarding increased risks in the United States of avian influenza, dengue virus, and measles: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
 2 people of the United States should have continuous access
 3 to timely, up-to-date, and accurate health information pro-
 4 vided through the Department of Health and Human
 5 Services.

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