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ACLA Supports Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act

(Washington, DC) - The American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) supports the Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act, introduced today. This bill, which is sponsored by Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) and co-sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), provides a comprehensive, well-reasoned approach to improve access to and establish appropriate utilization of molecular genetic tests.

Alan Mertz, President of ACLA said “This bill provides the vision, assurances and transition time necessary to continue to allow clinical laboratories the ability to offer these critically important tests for patient care.”

Genetic testing is critical to the promise of personalized medicine. Personalized medicine will optimize the management of individuals’ health care – including diagnosis, medical treatment and predisposition to disease.

The bill goes beyond issues of regulatory oversight by recognizing the interlocking need to expand research, collect genomic data, and enhance training opportunities in this field.

ACLA is a Washington, DC-based non-profit association representing the leading national, regional, and local clinical laboratories.

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