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**NILA Supports President-Elect Biden's Plans
To Expand and Improve COVID-19 Testing Supplies**

The National Independent Laboratory Association (NILA) applauds President-Elect Biden for committing to invest in critical COVID-19 supplies, including test reagents and protective gear. NILA looks forward to collaborating with President-Elect Biden and his administration to support and expand access to COVID-19 testing through the American Rescue Plan.

NILA member laboratories have made substantial investments in supplies, equipment, and staff to meet the COVID-19 testing needs of their communities, including settings not traditionally served by larger, nation-wide independent laboratories, particularly underserved and rural populations. Despite these investments, persistent supply shortages and information technology deficiencies remain.

NILA is committed to working with Congress and the Biden administration to ensure that necessary investments are directed to strengthen the laboratory testing supply chain, fairly distribute testing supplies, and modernize the public health test result reporting infrastructure.

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NILA members work in regional and community independent clinical laboratories across the United States performing laboratory testing for physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and other health care professionals. NILA members serve a wide variety of communities and patient populations, many of whom are not adequately served by large independent laboratories—including rural areas, underserved inner city neighborhoods, mid- and small-sized cities and municipalities, congregate facilities, and critical access hospitals.