AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 628

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE DERMODY

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Amend Resolution, page 1, line 3, by striking out the period after "aids" and inserting ; and urging the Congress of the United States to approve the Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain From China Act, which would ensure that the United States is not dependent on foreign countries for pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 7, by striking out "therefore be it " and inserting

and

WHEREAS, Protecting the health and safety of Americans is the primary job of elected officials at all times, but especially so during the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Domestic production of life-sustaining drugs and medical equipment will ensure that these vital products meet the stringent standards of the United States; and
WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has warned that systemic problems at drug manufacturing facilities overseas, particularly in China and India, have led to tainted medication circulating in the United States; and
WHEREAS, The FDA estimates that roughly 85% of the facilities that manufacture ingredients in American drugs are located overseas; and
WHEREAS, In 2019, millions of Americans ingested a contaminant formerly used in the production of rocket fuel through tainted blood pressure drugs produced in China; and
WHEREAS, As much as 95% of ibuprofen, 70% of acetaminophen and 45% of penicillin is made in China; and
WHEREAS, An over-reliance on foreign production of pharmaceuticals affects the health of Americans and also the health of America's economy; and
WHEREAS, The United States should not be dependent on foreign countries to supply vital drugs during a global pandemic; and
WHEREAS, Lawmakers are worried about drug shortages amid the COVID-19 outbreak and have taken action to aid American manufacturers in reclaiming pharmaceutical production; and
WHEREAS, The Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain From
China Act would phase in a ban on United States agencies purchasing pharmaceuticals with active ingredients produced in China; and

WHEREAS, The bill would increase transparency by requiring the FDA to create a registry of all drugs and by requiring drug companies to list active ingredients and their countries of origin on labels; and

WHEREAS, The measure would provide crucial incentives to ramp up United States manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs and medical devices; therefore be it

Amend Resolution, page 3, lines 12 through 14, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to approve the Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain From China Act, which would ensure that the United States is not dependent on foreign countries for pharmaceutical manufacturing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.