

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 628

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

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

9 and

10 WHEREAS, Protecting the health and safety of Americans is the
11 primary job of elected officials at all times, but especially so
12 during the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, Domestic production of life-sustaining drugs and
14 medical equipment will ensure that these vital products meet the
15 stringent standards of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
17 has warned that systemic problems at drug manufacturing
18 facilities overseas, particularly in China and India, have led
19 to tainted medication circulating in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, The FDA estimates that roughly 85% of the facilities
21 that manufacture ingredients in American drugs are located
22 overseas; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2019, millions of Americans ingested a
24 contaminant formerly used in the production of rocket fuel
25 through tainted blood pressure drugs produced in China; and

26 WHEREAS, As much as 95% of ibuprofen, 70% of acetaminophen
27 and 45% of penicillin is made in China; and

28 WHEREAS, An over-reliance on foreign production of
29 pharmaceuticals affects the health of Americans and also the
30 health of America's economy; and

31 WHEREAS, The United States should not be dependent on foreign
32 countries to supply vital drugs during a global pandemic; and

33 WHEREAS, Lawmakers are worried about drug shortages amid the
34 COVID-19 outbreak and have taken action to aid American
35 manufacturers in reclaiming pharmaceutical production; and

36 WHEREAS, The Protecting Our Pharmaceutical Supply Chain From

1 China Act would phase in a ban on United States agencies
2 purchasing pharmaceuticals with active ingredients produced in
3 China; and

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

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

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

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

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