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H. R. 6829

To authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development of health technologies with a focus on combating COVID-19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Medical
5 Partnerships with Israel to Lessen Dependence on China
6 Act” or the “EMPIL–DOC Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

8 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years
2 2021 through 2023 for a bilateral cooperative program
3 with the Government of Israel for awarding grants for the
4 development of health technologies, including such tech-
5 nologies described in subsection (b), subject to subsection
6 (c), with an emphasis on collaboratively advancing the use
7 of technology, personalized medicine, and data in relation
8 to COVID-19.

9 (b) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The health
10 technologies described in this subsection shall include
11 technologies such as artificial intelligence, drugs and vac-
12 cinations, respiratory assist devices, diagnostic tests, and
13 telemedicine.

14 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.—The funding
15 under subsection (a) is subject to a matching contribution
16 from the Government of Israel.

17 (d) OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAM.—
18 The amounts appropriated under subsection (a) may be—

19 (1) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
20 ment of Israel that is in existence on the day before
21 the date of enactment of this Act for the purposes
22 described in such subsection; or

23 (2) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
24 ment of Israel that is established after the date of
25 enactment of this Act by the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services, in consultation with the Sec-
2 retary of State, in accordance with the Agreement
3 between the Government of the United States of
4 America and the Government of the State of Israel
5 on Cooperation in Science and Technology for
6 Homeland Security Matters, done at Jerusalem May
7 29, 2008 (or a successor agreement), for the pur-
8 poses described in subsection (a).

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