

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 619

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## AN ACT

To require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “COVID–19 Origin Act  
3 of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) identifying the origin of Coronavirus Dis-  
7 ease 2019 (COVID–19) is critical for preventing a  
8 similar pandemic from occurring in the future;

9 (2) there is reason to believe the COVID–19  
10 pandemic may have originated at the Wuhan Insti-  
11 tute of Virology; and

12 (3) the Director of National Intelligence should  
13 declassify and make available to the public as much  
14 information as possible about the origin of COVID–  
15 19 so the United States and like-minded countries  
16 can—

17 (A) identify the origin of COVID–19 as ex-  
18 peditiously as possible, and

19 (B) use that information to take all appro-  
20 priate measures to prevent a similar pandemic  
21 from occurring again.

22 **SEC. 3. DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO**  
23 **THE ORIGIN OF COVID–19.**

24 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence  
26 shall—

1 (1) declassify any and all information relating  
2 to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Vi-  
3 rology and the origin of the Coronavirus Disease  
4 2019 (COVID-19), including—

5 (A) activities performed by the Wuhan In-  
6 stitute of Virology with or on behalf of the Peo-  
7 ple’s Liberation Army;

8 (B) coronavirus research or other related  
9 activities performed at the Wuhan Institute of  
10 Virology prior to the outbreak of COVID-19;  
11 and

12 (C) researchers at the Wuhan Institute of  
13 Virology who fell ill in autumn 2019, including  
14 for any such researcher—

15 (i) the researcher’s name;

16 (ii) the researcher’s symptoms;

17 (iii) the date of the onset of the re-  
18 searcher’s symptoms;

19 (iv) the researcher’s role at the  
20 Wuhan Institute of Virology;

21 (v) whether the researcher was in-  
22 volved with or exposed to coronavirus re-  
23 search at the Wuhan Institute of Virology;

24 (vi) whether the researcher visited a  
25 hospital while they were ill; and

1                   (vii) a description of any other actions  
2                   taken by the researcher that may suggest  
3                   they were experiencing a serious illness at  
4                   the time; and

5                   (2) submit to Congress an unclassified report  
6                   that contains—

7                   (A) all of the information described under  
8                   paragraph (1); and

9                   (B) only such redactions as the Director  
10                  determines necessary to protect sources and  
11                  methods.

Passed the Senate March 1, 2023.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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