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To require continued participation by the United States in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MFUME (for himself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. OMAR, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. ROSS, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Mr. OLSZEWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To require continued participation by the United States in the World Health Organization, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Epidemic Barrier and
5 Outbreak Leadership Act” or the “EBOLA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Infectious disease outbreaks and pandemics
2 pose significant threats to the national security, pub-
3 lic health, and economic well-being of the United
4 States.

5 (2) The 2026 Ebola Disease outbreak in Cen-
6 tral and Eastern Africa has rapidly spread across
7 international borders and resulted in more than
8 1,000 cases of the disease.

9 (3) According to the Centers for Disease Con-
10 trol and Prevention’s model scenarios, without a
11 strong public health intervention, the current out-
12 break could become larger than the outbreak in
13 West Africa from 2014 to 2016 in which more than
14 11,000 people died.

15 (4) Despite the need for continued reforms, the
16 World Health Organization serves as the principal
17 international body for disease surveillance, outbreak
18 response coordination, and public health information
19 sharing.

20 (5) Participation in the World Health Organiza-
21 tion enhances the ability of the United States to
22 monitor emerging infectious diseases, coordinate
23 with international partners, and protect the health
24 of the American people.

1 (6) On January 20, 2025, President Trump ini-
2 tiated the withdrawal of the United States from the
3 World Health Organization through Executive Order
4 14155 (90 Fed. Reg. 8361), which was completed on
5 January 22, 2026.

6 (7) In previous public health emergencies of
7 international concern, the United States has consist-
8 ently communicated with representatives of the
9 World Health Organization, other multilateral health
10 agencies, and the governments of other countries to
11 ensure United States global health funding was tar-
12 geted, coordinated, and efficient.

13 **SEC. 3. PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZA-**
14 **TION.**

15 The President, in coordination with the Secretary of
16 State, shall—

17 (1) take all necessary steps for the United
18 States to rejoin the World Health Organization not
19 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
20 of this Act; and

21 (2) immediately collaborate with the World
22 Health Organization to respond to the Ebola Dis-
23 ease outbreak in Central and Eastern Africa.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including—

4 (1) paying assessed contributions and any other
5 financial obligations to restore United States mem-
6 bership in the World Health Organization; and

7 (2) supporting the response effort of the World
8 Health Organization and other United Nations enti-
9 ties to the Ebola Disease epidemic in Central and
10 Eastern Africa, including through voluntary con-
11 tributions and programmatic support, in order to
12 prevent global transmission of the virus, including
13 transmission to the people and territory of the
14 United States.

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