



## HOUSE DEMOCRATS SECURED LANDMARK REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN PANDEMIC PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 FUNDING PACKAGE

**All Select Subcommittee Republicans Voted NO**

### Select Subcommittee Republicans voted **NO** on advancing America's Biosafety and Biosecurity.

- Ensuring appropriate training of personnel working with or around select agents and reporting to Congress on releases, losses, and thefts of select agents from federal laboratories (Sec. 2311).
- Directing the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support research to improve the safe conduct of biomedical research involving pathogens of pandemic potential (Sec. 2314).

### Select Subcommittee Republicans voted **NO** on improving coordination and clarifying responsibilities across federal agencies as it relates to pandemic response.

- Requiring national- and state-level full-scale exercises every five years to identify and address gaps in preparedness in response, including the ability of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to appropriately provide support (Sec. 2103).
- Establishing an Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy within the Executive Office of the President (Sec. 2104).

### Select Subcommittee Republicans voted **NO** on revitalizing our public health workforce.

- Establishing a Bio-Preparedness Workforce Pilot program to provide loan repayment for health professionals with expertise in infectious diseases and emergency preparedness (Sec. 2221).
- Reauthorizing a community health worker program to improve health outcomes in medically underserved communities through the use of community health workers (Sec. 2222).
- Supporting health professionals serving rural communities (Sec. 2227).

### Select Subcommittee Republicans voted **NO** on preventing undue foreign influence in biomedical research.

- Requiring disclosure of participation in foreign talent programs for National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants (Sec. 2321).
- Directing the HHS Secretary, in consultation with national security officials, to identify emerging areas in research of interest to foreign adversaries, improve protection of intellectual property, and develop strategies to address national security threats in biomedical research (Sec. 2324).

**Select Subcommittee Republicans voted NO on ensuring the rapid development of future medical countermeasures.**

- Establishing a multidisciplinary research program between the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) to advance the discovery and preclinical development of antivirals (Sec. 2301).
- Authorizing a National Academies study on the durability of immunity to COVID-19 resulting from infection, vaccination, or both (Sec. 2304).
- Allowing HHS to partner with public and private entities for rapid deployment of diagnostic tests (Sec. 2303).

**Select Subcommittee Republicans voted NO on protecting our vital medical supply chains.**

- Strengthening America's SNS by requiring the HHS Secretary to ensure SNS items are in working condition and can be readily deployed (Sec. 2403).
- Enhancing supply chains by allowing the SNS to enter into contracts through vendor-managed inventory and warm-base domestic manufacturing arrangements (Sec. 2405).
- Authorizing grants for the establishment of state strategic stockpiles (Sec. 2409).
- Giving the HHS Secretary the ability to award contracts to manufacturers to increase the domestic supply of certain antibiotic drugs with identified supply vulnerabilities (Sec. 2411).
- Strengthening Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforcement authority against selling counterfeit medical devices, including personal protective equipment (PPE) in the United States (Sec. 2513).

**Select Subcommittee Republicans voted NO on modernizing and enhancing coordination across our public health system's data infrastructure.**

- Implementing "lessons learned" from previous public health emergencies to improve coordination with public health officials, clinical laboratories, and other entities (Sec. 2211).
- Authorizing a program to develop best practices to improve the quality and completeness of demographic data and directing the HHS Secretary to improve data use agreements between federal and other public and private entities (Sec. 2213).
- Authorizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director to continue activities related to epidemic forecasting and outbreak analytics (Sec. 2214).

**While Democrats are working to prevent and prepare for future pandemics, Republicans are playing politics with America's public health.**