

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6577

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants or contracts to public or private entities to carry out a national awareness campaign to increase factual awareness and knowledge of COVID–19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2020

Mr. COX of California (for himself and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) 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. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Cen-
6 ters for Disease Control and Prevention and in coordina-
7 tion with other offices and agencies, as appropriate, shall
8 award competitive grants or contracts to one or more pub-

1 lie or private entities to carry out a national awareness
2 campaign to increase factual awareness and knowledge of
3 COVID–19.

4 (b) COMPONENTS.—The campaign under subsection
5 (a) shall include—

6 (1) multilingual and culturally appropriate in-
7 formation and distribution strategies;

8 (2) information based on available scientific evi-
9 dence;

10 (3) an emphasis on countering stigma and
11 shame, such as harmful and false accusations re-
12 garding origination of the virus; and

13 (4) scientific data countering propaganda re-
14 lated to viral origination.

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