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To require personal protective equipment to be included in the strategic national stockpile, and to require the Federal Government to procure such equipment from United States sources, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “American-Made Pro-
5 tection for Healthcare Workers and First Responders
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIP-**
2 **MENT IN THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCK-**
3 **PILE.**

4 Section 319F–2(a) of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(6) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in co-
9 ordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity, shall ensure that the supplies of the
11 strategic national stockpile includes personal
12 protective equipment in a quantity that is suffi-
13 cient for a 1-year supply during a nationwide
14 pandemic.

15 “(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
16 term ‘personal protective equipment’—

17 “(i) has the meaning given such term
18 by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,
19 which includes protective clothing, helmets,
20 gloves, face shields, goggles, facemasks,
21 and other equipment designed to protect
22 the wearer from injury or the spread of in-
23 fection or illness; and

24 “(ii) includes ventilators, respirators,
25 disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer.

1 “(7) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later
 2 than 180 days after the date of enactment of this
 3 paragraph, and every 180 days thereafter until the
 4 date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of
 5 this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide a brief-
 6 ing to the Committee on Homeland Security and
 7 Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
 8 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
 9 resentatives on the inventory of drugs, vaccines and
 10 other biological products, medical devices, and other
 11 supplies in the strategic national stockpile.”.

12 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF PERSONAL**
 13 **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RE-**
 14 **SPONDERS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security
 16 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.) is amended by adding
 17 at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 529. NATIONAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE OF PERSONAL**
 19 **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST RE-**
 20 **SPONDERS.**

21 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

22 “(1) the term ‘first responder’ means a ‘public
 23 safety officer’ as defined in section 1204 of title I
 24 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act
 25 of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284); and

1 “(2) the term ‘personal protective equipment’—

2 “(A) has the meaning given such term in
3 paragraph (6) of section 319F–2(a) of the Pub-
4 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a));
5 and

6 “(B) includes such other equipment as de-
7 termined appropriate by the Secretary.

8 “(b) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall—

9 “(1) establish and maintain a national strategic
10 stockpile of personal protective equipment for use by
11 first responders during an emergency declared under
12 section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
13 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
14 5191(b)) or under the National Emergencies Act
15 (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

16 “(2) make such personal protective equipment
17 available, on a reimbursable basis, to first responder
18 agencies.

19 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—In lieu of reimbursement
20 from a first responder agency under subsection (b), the
21 Secretary may accept reimbursement from the State, or
22 political subdivision thereof, in which the first responder
23 agency is located.”.

24 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
25 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-

1 curity Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–296; 116 Stat. 2135)
 2 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
 3 528 the following:

“Sec. 529. National strategic stockpile of personal protective equipment for
 first responders.”.

4 **SEC. 4. PRE-DISASTER CONTRACTS.**

5 The Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-
 6 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall enter
 7 into contracts with suppliers of personal protective equip-
 8 ment (as defined in section 319F–2(a)(6)(B) of the Public
 9 Health Service Act (as amended by section 2)) for the pro-
 10 curement by the Federal Government of such equipment
 11 in the event of a public health emergency declared under
 12 section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 247d), under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
 14 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
 15 5191(b)), or under the National Emergencies Act (50
 16 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

17 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL**
 18 **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM COVERED**
 19 **FOREIGN ENTITIES.**

20 (a) **PROCUREMENT PROHIBITION.**—An executive
 21 agency may not procure by contract, subcontract, grant,
 22 or cooperative agreement any personal protective equip-
 23 ment sourced, manufactured, or assembled in whole or in
 24 part by a covered foreign entity. To the extent possible,

1 executive agencies shall procure personal protective equip-
2 ment sourced, manufactured, or assembled in whole or in
3 part in the United States.

4 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
5 FOREIGN PROCUREMENT.—No Federal funds, whether
6 made available by contract, grant, or cooperative agree-
7 ment, may be used to procure personal protective equip-
8 ment sourced, manufactured, or assembled in whole or in
9 part by a covered foreign entity.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibitions under sub-
11 sections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is
12 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 6. INELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTING AS RE-**
14 **SULT OF UNREASONABLE FAILURE TO PER-**
15 **FORM A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT**
16 **OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.**

17 Any Federal contractor or subcontractor determined
18 by the head of an executive agency to have unreasonably
19 failed to perform a contract for the procurement of per-
20 sonal protective equipment shall be ineligible to receive a
21 Federal contract for a period of 10 years following such
22 determination.

23 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1 (1) COVERED FOREIGN ENTITY.—The term
2 “covered foreign entity” means—

3 (A) a covered entity designated by the Sec-
4 retary of Commerce;

5 (B) an entity included on the Consolidated
6 Screening List;

7 (C) any entity that is subject to
8 extrajudicial direction from a foreign govern-
9 ment, as determined by the Secretary of Home-
10 land Security;

11 (D) any entity the Secretary of Homeland
12 Security, in coordination with the Director of
13 National Intelligence and the Secretary of De-
14 fense, determines poses a national security risk;

15 (E) any entity domiciled in the People’s
16 Republic of China or subject to influence or
17 control by the Government of the People’s Re-
18 public of China or the Communist Party of the
19 People’s Republic of China, as determined by
20 the Secretary of Homeland Security; or

21 (F) any subsidiary or affiliate of an entity
22 described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

23 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
24 agency” has the meaning given the term in section
25 133 of title 41, United States Code.

1 (3) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.—The
2 term “personal protective equipment” has the mean-
3 ing given such term in section 319F–2(a)(6)(B) of
4 the Public Health Service Act (as amended by sec-
5 tion 2).

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