

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3637

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to fund prize competitions to accelerate innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Lyme disease, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to fund prize competitions to accelerate innovation in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Lyme disease, 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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “LymeX Authorization  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States to—

1           (1) engage stakeholders, including academia,  
2           nonprofits, industry, small business, entrepreneurs,  
3           and government to facilitate patient-centered innova-  
4           tions in Lyme disease care;

5           (2) foster breakthroughs in health education  
6           and public awareness initiatives focused on Lyme  
7           disease patients; and

8           (3) accelerate development of next-gen  
9           diagnostics that are rapid and patient focused.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11         There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
12         retary of Health and Human Services \$5,000,000 to carry  
13         out prize competitions (as defined in section 24 of the Ste-  
14         venson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15  
15         U.S.C. 3719)) to accelerate innovation in the prevention,  
16         diagnosis, and treatment of Lyme disease.

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