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H. R. 5609

To direct the National Institutes of Health to reinstate funding to recipients of grants or other awards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Ms. STEVENS 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop RFK’s Bad
5 Science Act” or the “Stop RFK’s BS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR NATIONAL IN-**
7 **STITUTES OF HEALTH GRANTS AND OTHER**
8 **AWARDS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, any covered grants or awards

1 terminated or suspended during the period beginning on
2 January 20, 2025, and ending on the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, shall be, unless the Director makes a
4 finding of financial mismanagement, research fraud, or
5 malfeasance with respect to such grants or awards—

6 (1) reinstated; and

7 (2) considered obligated.

8 (b) APPROVED REQUESTS.—A payment request
9 made by the recipient of a covered grant or award to an
10 National Institutes of Health official with respect to such
11 covered grant or award shall be disbursed as soon as pos-
12 sible, and in no case later than 30 calendar days after
13 the date on which such a payment request is submitted
14 to the National Institutes of Health official.

15 (c) 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF TERM.—In the case of
16 a covered grant or award that is reinstated or disbursed
17 under subsection (a) or (b) (as the case may be), the budg-
18 et period of such grant or award shall be extended for
19 a 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment
20 of this Act.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) BUDGET PERIOD.—The term “budget pe-
23 riod” has the meaning given such term in section
24 1.2 of the document entitled “NIH Grants Policy

1 Statement”, published in April 2024 by the National
2 Institutes of Health.

3 (2) COVERED GRANT OR AWARD.—The term
4 “covered grant or award” means a grant or other
5 award made by a National Institutes of Health offi-
6 cial under a provision of law administered by such
7 an official.

8 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
9 the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

10 (4) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH OFFI-
11 CIAL.—The term “National Institutes of Health offi-
12 cial” means—

13 (A) the Director; and

14 (B) any other official within the National
15 Institutes of Health with responsibility for mak-
16 ing a grant or award of Federal funds under a
17 provision of law administered by the Director or
18 such other official.

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