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# H. R. 3956

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the continued implementation of the Climate and Health program by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. UNDERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Climate and Health  
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIMATE**  
2 **AND HEALTH PROGRAM.**

3 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
4 is amended by inserting after section 317U (42 U.S.C.  
5 247b–23) the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 317V. CLIMATE AND HEALTH PROGRAM.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
8 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
9 vention, shall continue to implement the Climate and  
10 Health program carried out by the National Center for  
11 Environmental Health (or successor program) for the fol-  
12 lowing purposes:

13 “(1) To translate climate change science to in-  
14 form States, local health departments, and commu-  
15 nities.

16 “(2) To create decision support tools to build  
17 capacity to prepare for climate change.

18 “(3) To serve as a credible leader in planning  
19 for the public health impacts of climate change.

20 “(b) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—In  
21 the case of the establishment of any successor program  
22 to the Climate and Health program referred to in sub-  
23 section (a), the Secretary, acting through the Director of  
24 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall sub-  
25 mit to Congress a written notification of any transfer or

1 reprogramming of funds to establish such a successor pro-  
2 gram.

3 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
5 appropriated to carry out the program referred to in  
6 subsection (a) \$110,000,000 for fiscal year 2022  
7 and each fiscal year thereafter.

8 “(2) LIMITATION.—None of the funds made  
9 available under paragraph (1) may be transferred or  
10 reprogrammed by the Secretary to carry out another  
11 program administered by the Secretary.”.

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