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To direct the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to submit a report on the actions of the World Health Organization to address the spread of the virus responsible for COVID–19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On December 30, 2019, Dr. Li Wenliang of
6 Wuhan, China warned the Chinese medical commu-

1 nity of the outbreak of the virus responsible for
2 COVID–19.

3 (2) Four days after warning the Chinese med-
4 ical community, the Chinese Public Security Bureau
5 forced Dr. Li Wenliang to sign a letter admitting
6 that he made “false comments” and that he had
7 “severely disturbed the social order”.

8 (3) Chinese authorities suppressed information
9 concerning the spread of such virus by censoring
10 certain keywords on Chinese messaging applications.

11 (4) On January 14, 2020, the World Health
12 Organization tweeted that “preliminary investiga-
13 tions conducted by Chinese authorities have found
14 no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission
15 of COVID–19 in Wuhan, China”.

16 (5) The virus was later determined to be highly
17 contagious and spread through human-to-human
18 contact.

19 (6) Public health researchers have found incon-
20 sistencies in the data reported by the World Health
21 Organization in their situation reports and that the
22 World Health Organization has failed to address
23 such inconsistencies.

24 (7) In the middle of the month of January
25 2020, the World Health Organization refused to de-

1 clare a public health emergency as they did not want
2 to “spook the world further”.

3 (8) On February 3, 2020, despite warning signs
4 of an ongoing cover-up, the Director General of the
5 World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom
6 Ghebreyesus, praised the People’s Republic of China
7 saying he was “impressed” by President Xi’s leader-
8 ship.

9 (9) Senior World Health Organization officials
10 praised the People’s Republic of China’s response to
11 the spread of the virus noting that the “Chinese peo-
12 ple feel protected”.

13 (10) There is a longstanding and concerning re-
14 lationship between the World Health Organization
15 and the People’s Republic of China, as the People’s
16 Republic of China co-chaired the China-Africa
17 Health Ministers Conference, hosted the Belt and
18 Road Forum for International Cooperation, and
19 worked together with the World Health Organization
20 for the “One Belt, One Road” initiative.

21 (11) In 2017, the People’s Republic of China
22 worked “tirelessly behind the scenes” to ensure the
23 election of Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as Direc-
24 tor General of the World Health Organization.

1 (12) In 2014, while serving as Health Minister
2 in Ethiopia, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus covered
3 up three cholera outbreaks in Ethiopia.

4 (13) In 2017, leaked emails revealed that the
5 World Health Organization refused to classify ebola
6 outbreak as a public health emergency for over two
7 months as to not “anger” the leaders of African
8 countries.

9 (14) The United States is the largest financial
10 contributor to the World Health Organization, pro-
11 viding the organization with up to \$500 million in
12 American taxpayer money every year.

13 (15) If the World Health Organization had
14 been truthful concerning the spread of the virus, the
15 international community could have better prepared
16 to combat such spread.

17 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE ACTIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH**
18 **ORGANIZATION TO ADDRESS THE SPREAD OF**
19 **THE VIRUS RESPONSIBLE FOR COVID-19.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
22 in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
23 Services, shall submit to the appropriate congressional
24 committees a report on the actions of the World Health
25 Organization (referred to in this section as the “WHO”)

1 to address the spread of the virus responsible for COVID–
2 19.

3 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report required
4 under subsection (a) shall include information relating to
5 the following:

6 (1) The failures of the WHO to address the
7 spread of the virus responsible for COVID–19.

8 (2) The extent to which the WHO withheld in-
9 formation from Member States of the United Na-
10 tions relating to such spread.

11 (3) The accuracy of infection data published by
12 the WHO relating to such spread.

13 (4) The relationship between the WHO and the
14 People’s Republic of China.

15 (5) The role of the WHO in covering up such
16 spread in the People’s Republic of China.

17 (6) Any other systemic failure of the WHO, as
18 determined appropriate by the Secretary of State for
19 inclusion in the report.

20 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
21 FINED.—In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional
22 committees” means the following:

23 (1) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
24 House of Representatives.

1 (2) The Committee on Energy and Commerce
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (3) The Committee on Foreign Relations of the
4 Senate.

5 (4) The Committee on Health, Education,
6 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

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