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To establish the Office of COVID–19 Supply Chain Resiliency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To establish the Office of COVID–19 Supply Chain Resiliency, 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 “COVID–19 Supply
5 Chain Resiliency Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF COVID–19 SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is estab-
8 lished in the Executive Office of the President the Office
9 of COVID–19 Supply Chain Resiliency (in this section re-
10 ferred to as “the Office”).

1 (b) DIRECTOR.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be at the head
3 of the Office a Director who shall be appointed by
4 the President.

5 (2) APPOINTMENT OF FIRST DIRECTOR.—Not
6 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment
7 of this Act, the President shall appoint an individual
8 to serve as the Director.

9 (3) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the position of Di-
10 rector shall be filled not later than 60 days after the
11 date on which the vacancy occurs and shall be filled
12 in the same manner in which the original appoint-
13 ment was made.

14 (c) DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—

15 (1) TYPES OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—To assist
16 the Director in carrying out the functions of this
17 Act, the Director shall appoint Deputy Directors as
18 follows:

19 (A) The Deputy Director for the Medical
20 Supply Chain.

21 (B) The Deputy Director for the Food
22 Supply Chain.

23 (C) The Deputy Director for the Industrial
24 Supply Chain.

1 (D) The Deputy Director for Interagency
2 Coordination.

3 (2) ADDITIONAL DEPUTY DIRECTORS.—The Di-
4 rector may appoint additional Deputy Directors as
5 the Director determines necessary.

6 (d) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Office are
7 to—

8 (1) identify supply chain issues related the
9 COVID–19 pandemic;

10 (2) not later than 60 days after the establish-
11 ment of the Office, establish a national strategy to
12 address such supply chain issues, in consultation
13 with—

14 (A) the heads of other agencies of the Fed-
15 eral Government, including—

16 (i) the Secretary of Agriculture;

17 (ii) the Secretary of Commerce;

18 (iii) the Secretary of Defense;

19 (iv) the Secretary of Health and
20 Human Services;

21 (v) the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
22 rity;

23 (vi) the Secretary of Labor;

24 (vii) the Secretary of Transportation;

25 (viii) the Secretary of the Treasury;

- 1 (ix) the Administrator of the Environ-
2 mental Protection Agency;
- 3 (x) the Administrator of the Federal
4 Emergency Management Agency;
- 5 (xi) the Federal Trade Commission;
- 6 (xii) the Administrator of the Small
7 Business Administration; and
- 8 (xiii) the United States Trade Rep-
9 resentative;
- 10 (B) persons or private sector entities that
11 transport products by air, water, rail, and road;
- 12 (C) manufacturers of durable consumer
13 products;
- 14 (D) producers of agricultural products;
- 15 (E) manufacturers and distributors of
16 drugs, devices, and other medical products and
17 supplies; and
- 18 (F) manufacturers, producers, and dis-
19 tributors of other supplies critical to national
20 security and the COVID–19 pandemic;
- 21 (3) serve as a central point of contact for Fed-
22 eral and non-Federal entities seeking technical as-
23 sistance with respect to supply chain issues related
24 to the COVID–19 pandemic;

1 (4) provide technical assistance to Federal and
2 non-Federal entities seeking technical assistance
3 with respect to supply chain issues related to the
4 COVID–19 pandemic; and

5 (5) develop legislative recommendations to
6 strengthen critical supply chains for pandemics, in-
7 cluding the COVID–19 pandemic.

8 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director
10 shall submit a report to Congress on—

11 (1) any supply chain issues identified under
12 paragraph (1) of subsection (d);

13 (2) the national strategy established under such
14 subsection; and

15 (3) any legislative recommendation developed
16 under such subsection.

17 (f) TERMINATION.—The Office established under this
18 section shall terminate on the date that is 18 months after
19 the date on which the Public Health Emergency declared
20 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under
21 section 319 of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C.
22 247) as a result of COVID–19 pandemic, and any renewal
23 thereof, terminates.

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