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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEWART 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. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 Congress finds that absent a United States with-
5 drawal from the World Health Organization (WHO), the
6 United States should hold the WHO accountable and over-
7 haul its operations, including by—

1 (1) ensuring the People’s Republic of China is
2 held accountable for the COVID-19 pandemic and
3 for failing to comply with the International Health
4 Regulations;

5 (2) ensuring the WHO conducts a thorough in-
6 vestigation into the role that the People’s Republic
7 of China played in the origin and spread of COVID-
8 19; and

9 (3) ensuring the United States does not relin-
10 quish any authorities to the WHO that would super-
11 sede any new or existing United States authorities.

12 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROPOSE**
13 **AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL**
14 **HEALTH REGULATIONS, THE GLOBAL PAN-**
15 **DEMIC TREATY, OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT**
16 **AMONG WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**
17 **MEMBER STATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
19 (b) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
20 funds available to any Federal department or agency may
21 be used to propose any amendment to the International
22 Health Regulations, the Global Pandemic Treaty, or any
23 other agreement among World Health Organization mem-
24 ber states that would supersede or otherwise modify au-
25 thorities under United States law, including authorities re-

1 lating to required compliance or relinquishing reporting or
 2 oversight standards.

3 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with
 4 respect to the use of funds that is approved in advance
 5 by an Act of Congress.

6 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE CON-**
 7 **TRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGA-**
 8 **NIZATION.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds
 10 available to any Federal department or agency may be
 11 used to provide contributions to the World Health Organi-
 12 zation (WHO) unless and until the Secretary of State cer-
 13 tifies to Congress that—

14 (1) the WHO—

15 (A) holds the People’s Republic of China
 16 accountable for failing to comply with the Inter-
 17 national Health Regulations; and

18 (B) makes available a report of its findings
 19 and actions under subparagraph (A);

20 (2) the steps the WHO is taking to ensure Chi-
 21 na’s accountability, including the role China played
 22 in the origin and spread of COVID-19; and

23 (3) the steps the WHO is taking to strengthen
 24 accountability and its ability to be impartial and ob-

1 jective while improving its transparency and its over-
2 all effectiveness.

3 **SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS DEFINED.**

4 In this Act, the term “International Health Regula-
5 tions” means the International Health Regulations adopt-
6 ed by the 58th World Health Assembly in 2005 under Res-
7 olution WHA58.3.

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