



Strengthening our Health Security Through Resilient Medical Supply Chains Annual Review Act

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Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated issues with our nation's medical supply chains. In recent months, our reliance on goods from other countries heavily impacted by the pandemic has slowed down our COVID-19 response, leaving states struggling to secure the emergency medical supplies Americans need. This global crisis has led our country to take another look at the strength of our domestic medical supply chains.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has played a key role in coordinating the nation's response to COVID-19. This department is tasked with mitigating threats to the safety and security of the American people. DHS and its underlying agencies review the efficacy of U.S. supply chains and perform critical supply chain risk management.

About the Legislation

The Strengthening Our Health Security Through Resilient Medical Supply Chains Annual Review Act would help us identify long standing issues and fortify our medical supply chains. This simple bill would require an annual report by DHS to assess our dependence on critical devices, supplies, and drugs sourced outside of the U.S. and provide recommendations to strengthen domestic medical supply chains, including encouraging domestic production of these items. In evaluating domestic medical supply chains, we can secure more opportunities for American workers while investing in the resilience of our nation.