



American Made Strategic National Stockpile Act

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Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has called into question the stability of our domestic medical supply chains. As states struggle to secure the emergency medical supplies Americans need, our country has begun to look inward and reevaluate the importance of domestic medical supply chains.

The Strategic National Stockpile was created to fill gaps in our country's reserves of medical supplies and ensure that states have critical medication, vaccines, and medical products in times of crisis. This national repository contains approximately \$8 billion worth of medical supplies stored in classified warehouses across the nation. During this public health crisis, the Strategic National Stockpile's reliance on goods from other countries heavily impacted by the pandemic slowed down our COVID-19 response, forcing Americans to wait as we sought supplies from overseas.

About the Legislation

The American Made Strategic National Stockpile Act would promote the acquisition of U.S. goods by inserting language from the Berry Amendment, a 1941 provision to foster the purchase of U.S. goods by the Department of Defense, into the statute of the Strategic National Stockpile. The Berry Amendment was created to foster a sense of pride in American products and ensure that the Army's investments into products such as textiles, food, and specialty metals were made at home. By applying Berry Amendment language to the Strategic National Stockpile, this bill would help our country strengthen domestic medical supply chains, create new jobs for Americans, and better prepare us for a future public health emergency.