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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TURNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “COVID-19 Origin Act
5 of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) identifying the origin of Coronavirus Dis-
2 ease 2019 (COVID-19) is critical for preventing a
3 similar pandemic from occurring in the future;

4 (2) there is reason to believe the COVID-19
5 pandemic may have originated at the Wuhan Insti-
6 tute of Virology; and

7 (3) the Director of National Intelligence should
8 declassify and make available to the public as much
9 information as possible about the origin of COVID-
10 19 so the United States and like-minded countries
11 can—

12 (A) identify the origin of COVID-19 as ex-
13 peditiously as possible; and

14 (B) use that information to take all appro-
15 priate measures to prevent a similar pandemic
16 from occurring again.

17 **SEC. 3. DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO**
18 **THE ORIGIN OF COVID-19.**

19 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence
21 shall—

22 (1) declassify any and all information relating
23 to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Vi-
24 rology and the origin of the Coronavirus Disease
25 2019 (COVID-19), including—

1 (A) activities performed by the Wuhan In-
2 stitute of Virology with or on behalf of the Peo-
3 ple's Liberation Army;

4 (B) coronavirus research or other related
5 activities performed at the Wuhan Institute of
6 Virology prior to the outbreak of COVID-19;
7 and

8 (C) researchers at the Wuhan Institute of
9 Virology who fell ill in autumn 2019, including
10 for any such researcher—

11 (i) the researcher's name;

12 (ii) the researcher's symptoms;

13 (iii) the date of the onset of the re-
14 searcher's symptoms;

15 (iv) the researcher's role at the
16 Wuhan Institute of Virology;

17 (v) whether the researcher was in-
18 volved with or exposed to coronavirus re-
19 search at the Wuhan Institute of Virology;

20 (vi) whether the researcher visited a
21 hospital while they were ill; and

22 (vii) a description of any other actions
23 taken by the researcher that may suggest
24 they were experiencing a serious illness at
25 the time; and

1 (2) submit to Congress an unclassified report
2 that contains—

3 (A) all of the information described under
4 paragraph (1); and

5 (B) only such redactions as the Director
6 determines necessary to protect sources and
7 methods.