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S. 3722

To authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development of health technologies with a focus on combating COVID–19.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2020

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Expanding Medical
5 Partnerships with Israel to Lessen Dependence On China
6 Act” or the “EMPIL-DOC Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

2 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
3 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health
4 and Human Services \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2021 through 2023 for a bilateral cooperative program
6 with the Government of Israel for awarding grants for the
7 development of health technologies, including such tech-
8 nologies described in subsection (b), subject to subsection
9 (c), with an emphasis on collaboratively advancing the use
10 of technology, personalized medicine, and data in relation
11 to COVID–19.

12 (b) **TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.**—The health
13 technologies described in this subsection shall include
14 technologies such as artificial intelligence, sensors, moni-
15 toring devices, drugs and vaccinations, respiratory assist
16 devices, diagnostic tests, telemedicine, and remote moni-
17 toring.

18 (c) **RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.**—The funding
19 under subsection (a) is subject to a matching contribution
20 from the Government of Israel.

21 (d) **OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAM.**—
22 The amounts appropriated under subsection (a) may be—
23 (1) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
24 ment of Israel that is in existence on the day before
25 the date of enactment of this Act for the purposes
26 described in such subsection; or

1 (2) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
2 ment of Israel that is established after the date of
3 enactment of this Act by the Secretary of Health
4 and Human Services, in consultation with the Sec-
5 retary of State, in accordance with the Agreement
6 between the Government of the United States of
7 America and the Government of the State of Israel
8 on Cooperation in Science and Technology for
9 Homeland Security Matters, done at Jerusalem May
10 29, 2008 (or a successor agreement), for the pur-
11 poses described in subsection (a).

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