

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. BERA OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. EBOLA RESPONSE AND GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY.**
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3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) protecting the lives and health of American
6 people requires stopping dangerous infectious dis-
7 eases like Ebola at their source;

8 (2) public health protection is closely tied to
9 economic security and supply chain resilience, as un-
10 controlled outbreaks can disrupt access to critical
11 minerals, commerce, manufacturing, and global
12 trade flows vital to U.S. prosperity;

13 (3) Ebola outbreaks exacerbate political and
14 economic instability, threatening U.S. strategic in-
15 terests and opening the door for foreign adversaries,
16 including the People’s Republic of China, to expand
17 influence;

18 (4) a timely and coordinated Ebola response
19 demonstrates American leadership, strengthens

1 international partnerships, and reinforces both hu-
2 manitarian and strategic goals; and

3 (5) supporting African-based institutions to re-
4 spond rapidly to Ebola and other outbreaks ad-
5 vances U.S. national security interests, promotes
6 stability, and builds trusted partnerships in line with
7 U.S. foreign policy goals.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, and every 30 days thereafter
10 during any Ebola outbreak notified to the World Health
11 Organization until it has been declared ended following no
12 confirmed or probable Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases
13 detected for a period of 42 days, the Secretary shall sub-
14 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
15 describing—

16 (1) diplomatic efforts undertaken by the United
17 States, including outreach to the government of the
18 country experiencing the outbreak and coordination
19 with partner governments, to support air bridges,
20 supply delivery, and regional stability;

21 (2) the use of congressionally-appropriated
22 funds to contain the outbreak, including community-
23 based surveillance, testing, treatment, and rapid re-
24 sponse measures;

1 (3) interagency coordination the Department
2 leads or participates in to stand up task forces, co-
3 ordinate countermeasures, and activate contact trac-
4 ing protocols;

5 (4) steps taken to coordinate with partner na-
6 tions, international organizations, non-governmental
7 organizations, and stakeholders to ensure access to
8 countermeasures, diagnostics, and other resources
9 necessary to halt the outbreak;

10 (5) measures implemented to protect the home-
11 land, including activities to monitor and manage
12 travel from affected regions;

13 (6) communications by the Department on re-
14 sponse actions, including timely public statements to
15 reassure the American people and transparent up-
16 dates on response progress; and

17 (7) any legislative authorities, appropriations,
18 or other forms of Congressional support required to
19 sustain and scale an effective U.S. response, includ-
20 ing measures to strengthen global health security,
21 enhance interagency coordination, and improve rapid
22 response capacity.

