



Security Subcommittee

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Public health security is national security. COVID-19 taught us pandemics can be as much of a national security threat as war and terrorism. As leading proponents of a strong national defense and fiscal responsibility, Republicans are best positioned to ensure the United States is fully prepared and mission ready for the next emerging infectious disease.

SUPPLY CHAINS AND CHINA ACCOUNTABILITY

- Provide tax reform that energizes domestic manufacturing and innovation
- Support thorough, unencumbered investigations into COVID-19 origins
- Ensure American research dollars do not go to entities controlled by our foreign adversaries, including China and Russia
- Protect our borders by permanently scheduling fentanyl-related substances

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

- Strengthen and clarify the role of the Strategic National Stockpile and ensure reliable, robust investments into medical countermeasures and critical medical supplies
- Ensure accountable, strong, streamlined leadership; and clear, delineated authority
- Cut red tape across our public health security preparedness and response systems
- Require the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with, use, and enable private sector expertise and capabilities
- Build upon the success of Operation Warp Speed to combat future and emerging infectious diseases that threaten our national security

PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY

- Restore the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as the premier basic scientific research entity in the world that supports high level, transparent scientific and medical advances
- Require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be transparent with the American public about the data used to develop their guidance
- Hold NIH and CDC accountable to core public health missions and not political agendas
- Ensure state and local governments have the flexibility and authority to make the public health and preparedness decisions that best meet the needs of their own communities
- Conduct thorough oversight and require transparency for all federal taxpayer public health dollars, especially those sent overseas