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114TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national investment  
in biomedical research.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

To prioritize funding for an expanded and sustained national  
investment in biomedical research.

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 “American Cures Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. CAP ADJUSTMENT.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced  
7       Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2  
8       U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-  
2       paragraph (E); and

3           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the fol-  
4       lowing:

5           “(D) BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.—

6                   “(i) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF  
7       HEALTH.—If a bill or joint resolution mak-  
8       ing appropriations for a fiscal year is en-  
9       acted that specifies amounts for the Na-  
10      tional Institutes of Health at the Depart-  
11      ment of Health and Human Services, then  
12      the adjustments for that fiscal year shall  
13      be the amount of additional new budget  
14      authority provided in that Act for such  
15      programs for that fiscal year, but shall not  
16      exceed—

17                   “(I) for fiscal year 2016,  
18                   \$1,741,000,000 in additional new  
19                   budget authority;

20                   “(II) for fiscal year 2017,  
21                   \$3,422,000,000 in additional new  
22                   budget authority;

23                   “(III) for fiscal year 2018,  
24                   \$5,167,000,000 in additional new  
25                   budget authority;

1                   “(IV) for fiscal year 2019,  
2                   \$7,085,000,000 in additional new  
3                   budget authority;

4                   “(V) for fiscal year 2020,  
5                   \$9,149,000,000 in additional new  
6                   budget authority; and

7                   “(VI) for fiscal year 2021,  
8                   \$11,435,000,000 in additional new  
9                   budget authority.

10                  “(ii) CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
11                  AND PREVENTION.—If a bill or joint reso-  
12                  lution making appropriations for a fiscal  
13                  year is enacted that specifies amounts for  
14                  the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
15                  vention at the Department of Health and  
16                  Human Services, then the adjustments for  
17                  that fiscal year shall be the amount of ad-  
18                  ditional new budget authority provided in  
19                  that Act for such programs for that fiscal  
20                  year, but shall not exceed—

21                   “(I) for fiscal year 2016,  
22                   \$716,000,000 in additional new budg-  
23                   et authority;

1 “(II) for fiscal year 2017,  
2 \$1,287,000,000 in additional new  
3 budget authority;

4 “(III) for fiscal year 2018,  
5 \$1,503,000,000 in additional new  
6 budget authority;

7 “(IV) for fiscal year 2019,  
8 \$1,980,000,000 in additional new  
9 budget authority;

10 “(V) for fiscal year 2020,  
11 \$2,298,000,000 in additional new  
12 budget authority; and

13 “(VI) for fiscal year 2021,  
14 \$2,884,000,000 in additional new  
15 budget authority.

16 “(iii) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
17 HEALTH PROGRAM.—If a bill or joint reso-  
18 lution making appropriations for a fiscal  
19 year is enacted that specifies amounts for  
20 the Department of Defense health pro-  
21 gram, then the adjustments for that fiscal  
22 year shall be the amount of additional new  
23 budget authority provided in that Act for  
24 such programs for that fiscal year, but  
25 shall not exceed—

1 “(I) for fiscal year 2016,  
2 \$57,402,000 in additional new budget  
3 authority;

4 “(II) for fiscal year 2017,  
5 \$139,213,000 in additional new budg-  
6 et authority;

7 “(III) for fiscal year 2018,  
8 \$226,460,000 in additional new budg-  
9 et authority;

10 “(IV) for fiscal year 2019,  
11 \$322,742,000 in additional new budg-  
12 et authority;

13 “(V) for fiscal year 2020,  
14 \$425,700,000 in additional new budg-  
15 et authority; and

16 “(VI) for fiscal year 2021,  
17 \$540,000,000 in additional new budg-  
18 et authority.

19 “(iv) MEDICAL AND PROSTHETICS RE-  
20 SEARCH PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT  
21 OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—If a bill or joint  
22 resolution making appropriations for a fis-  
23 cal year is enacted that specifies amounts  
24 for the medical and prosthetics research  
25 program of the Department of Veterans

1 Affairs, then the adjustments for that fis-  
2 cal year shall be the amount of additional  
3 new budget authority provided in that Act  
4 for such programs for that fiscal year, but  
5 shall not exceed—

6 “(I) for fiscal year 2016,  
7 \$25,201,000 in additional new budget  
8 authority;

9 “(II) for fiscal year 2017,  
10 \$52,945,000 in additional new budget  
11 authority;

12 “(III) for fiscal year 2018,  
13 \$80,866,000 in additional new budget  
14 authority;

15 “(IV) for fiscal year 2019,  
16 \$112,189,000 in additional new budg-  
17 et authority;

18 “(V) for fiscal year 2020,  
19 \$146,157,000 in additional new budg-  
20 et authority; and

21 “(VI) for fiscal year 2021,  
22 \$184,027,000 in additional new budg-  
23 et authority.

24 “(v) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this  
25 subparagraph:

1 “(I) ADDITIONAL NEW BUDGET  
2 AUTHORITY.—The term ‘additional  
3 new budget authority’ means—

4 “(aa) with respect to the  
5 National Institutes of Health, the  
6 amount provided for a fiscal  
7 year, in excess of the amount  
8 provided in fiscal year 2015, in  
9 an appropriation Act and speci-  
10 fied to support the National In-  
11 stitutes of Health;

12 “(bb) with respect to the  
13 Centers for Disease Control and  
14 Prevention, the amount provided  
15 for a fiscal year, in excess of the  
16 amount provided in fiscal year  
17 2015, in an appropriation Act  
18 and specified to support the Cen-  
19 ters for Disease Control and Pre-  
20 vention;

21 “(cc) with respect to the De-  
22 partment of Defense health pro-  
23 gram, the amount provided for a  
24 fiscal year, in excess of the  
25 amount provided in fiscal year

1 2015, in an appropriation Act  
2 and specified to support the De-  
3 partment of Defense health pro-  
4 gram; and

5 “(dd) with respect to the  
6 medical and prosthetics research  
7 program of the Department of  
8 Veterans Affairs, the amount  
9 provided for a fiscal year, in ex-  
10 cess of the amount provided in  
11 fiscal year 2015, in an appropria-  
12 tion Act and specified to support  
13 the medical and prosthetics re-  
14 search program of the Depart-  
15 ment of Veterans Affairs.

16 “(II) CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
17 CONTROL AND PREVENTION.—The  
18 term ‘Centers for Disease Control and  
19 Prevention’ means the appropriations  
20 accounts that support the various in-  
21 stitutes, offices, and centers that  
22 make up the Centers for Disease Con-  
23 trol and Prevention.

24 “(III) DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
25 FENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.—The term



1 ‘Department of Defense health pro-  
2 gram’ means the appropriations ac-  
3 counts that support the various insti-  
4 tutes, offices, and centers that make  
5 up the Department of Defense health  
6 program.

7 “(IV) MEDICAL AND PROS-  
8 THETICS RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-  
10 FAIRS.—The term ‘medical and pros-  
11 thetics research program of the De-  
12 partment of Veterans Affairs’ means  
13 the appropriations accounts that sup-  
14 port the various institutes, offices,  
15 and centers that make up the medical  
16 and prosthetics research program of  
17 the Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 “(V) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF  
19 HEALTH.—The term ‘National Insti-  
20 tutes of Health’ means the appropria-  
21 tions accounts that support the var-  
22 ious institutes, offices, and centers  
23 that make up the National Institutes  
24 of Health.”.

1 (b) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be  
2 appropriated—

3 (1) for the National Institutes of Health, the  
4 amounts provided for under clause (i) of such sec-  
5 tion 251(b)(2)(D) in each of fiscal years 2016  
6 through 2021, and such sums as may be necessary  
7 for each subsequent fiscal year;

8 (2) for the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services, acting through the Centers for Disease  
10 Control and Prevention, the amounts provided for  
11 under clause (ii) of such section 251(b)(2)(D) in  
12 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2021, and such  
13 sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal  
14 year;

15 (3) for the Department of Defense health pro-  
16 gram, the amounts provided for under clause (iii) of  
17 such section 251(b)(2)(D) in each of fiscal years  
18 2016 through 2021, and such sums as may be nec-  
19 essary for each subsequent fiscal year; and

20 (4) for the Medical and prosthetics research  
21 program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the  
22 amounts provided for under clause (iv) of such sec-  
23 tion 251(b)(2)(D) in each of fiscal years 2016  
24 through 2021, and such sums as may be necessary  
25 for each subsequent fiscal year.

1 (c) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIRE-  
2 MENT.—Amounts appropriated for each of the programs  
3 and agencies described in section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Bal-  
4 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
5 (as added by subsection (a)) for each of fiscal years 2016  
6 through 2021, and each subsequent fiscal year, shall not  
7 be less than the amounts appropriated for such programs  
8 and agencies for fiscal year 2015.

9 (d) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM  
10 SEQUESTRATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the  
12 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control  
13 Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting  
14 after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund  
15 and Other Funds (16–0327–0–1–600).” the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 “Appropriations under the American  
18 Cures Act.”.

19 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by  
20 this section shall apply to any sequestration order  
21 issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
22 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)  
23 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.