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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress disapproves of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Vaccine Mandate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIBBS (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. MCKINLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued an emergency temporary standard (ETS) to require employers with more than 100 employees to ensure that all their workers are either fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or subject them to weekly testing and mask-wearing;

Whereas non-complying businesses could be fined, and non-complying employees fired;

Whereas Congress tasked the Department of Health and Human Services with determining the safety, efficacy, and appropriate use of vaccines;

Whereas Congress authorized the Food and Drug Administration to determine whether vaccines should be allowed in interstate commerce;

Whereas Congress empowered the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to recommend who should receive such vaccines;

Whereas Congress authorized the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to set and enforce standards affecting the working conditions for workers resulting from workplace specific risks;

Whereas the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's use of the emergency temporary standard is an abuse of executive authority because COVID-19 is not a workplace specific risk; and

Whereas other agencies have already been given broad authority by Congress on COVID-19 vaccines and mitigating the public health effects of COVID-19: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives stands
- 2 in opposition to any adverse punishment for private em-
- 3 ployers and private employees who choose not to receive
- 4 the COVID-19 vaccine.

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