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H. R. 5461

To rescind 1.3 percent of total defense spending and authorize the same amount for international COVID vaccine production and distribution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Mr. POCAN (for himself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “COVID Defense Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFENSE SPENDING RECISSION.**

2 Of the unobligated balances available from amounts
3 made available pursuant to authorizations of appropria-
4 tions contained in Public Law 116–283, the William M.
5 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2021, \$9,626,500,000 is hereby rescinded.
7 This recission shall apply on a pro rata basis among the
8 accounts for which amounts were authorized other than
9 those for the Defense Health Program, military personnel,
10 and persons appointed into the civil service as defined in
11 section 2101 of title 5, United States Code.

12 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTER-**
13 **NATIONAL COVID VACCINE PRODUCTION**
14 **AND DISTRIBUTION.**

15 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated
16 \$9,626,500,000 to any Federal agency or agencies des-
17 ignated by the President of the United States to manufac-
18 ture and deliver coronavirus vaccines internationally. Such
19 funds may also be awarded to international organizations
20 as appropriate.

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