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H. R. 6223

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to require any officer or employee of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to receive a COVID–19 vaccination, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BABIN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. MAST, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. FEENSTRA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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; FINDING.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Border Agents Stay Employed Act” or the “BASE Act”.

1 (b) FINDING.—Congress finds that allowing for alter-
2 natives to the COVID–19 vaccination, such as regular
3 testing and the wearing of masks, would allow U.S. Cus-
4 toms and Border Protection to retain more of its critical
5 workforce.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON MANDATING CBP EMPLOYEES TO**
7 **RECEIVE COVID–19 VACCINE.**

8 Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation,
9 including Executive Order 14043 (86 Fed. Reg. 50989;
10 relating to requiring coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination
11 for Federal employees), during fiscal year 2022 and each
12 fiscal year thereafter, no Federal funds may be obligated
13 or expended to require any officer or employee of U.S.
14 Customs and Border Protection to receive a COVID–19
15 vaccine.

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