

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1818

To authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States and political subdivisions of States to support the improvement, renovation, or modernization of infrastructure at clinical laboratories that will help to improve SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 testing and response activities, including the expansion and enhancement of testing capacity at such laboratories.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2021

Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE LABORATORY**  
2 **INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
4 Human Services shall award grants to States and political  
5 subdivisions of States to support the improvement, renova-  
6 tion, or modernization of infrastructure at clinical labora-  
7 tories (as defined in section 353 of the Public Health Serv-  
8 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 263a)) that will help to improve SARS-  
9 CoV-2 and COVID-19 testing and response activities, in-  
10 cluding the expansion and enhancement of testing capacity  
11 at such laboratories.

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry  
13 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated  
14 \$4,500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2022  
15 through 2026.

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