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To direct the Secretary of Transportation to adopt certain priorities with respect to critical infrastructure employees during the coronavirus pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Critical Infrastructure
5 Employee Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF COVID-19 TESTING NEEDS OF**
7 **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EMPLOYEES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
9 shall—

1 (1) adopt, for use by the Department of Trans-
2 portation in carrying out response efforts relating to,
3 and operations during, the Coronavirus Disease
4 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic, the categorization of
5 “essential critical infrastructure workers” identified
6 in the Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastruc-
7 ture Workforce published by the Department of
8 Homeland Security on August 18, 2020 (or a subse-
9 quent version of that guidance); and

10 (2) coordinate with the Director of the Centers
11 for Disease Control and Prevention and the Admin-
12 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management
13 Agency to support efforts of State and local govern-
14 ments to provide for—

15 (A) priority testing of essential critical in-
16 frastructure workers (as such term is used in
17 paragraph (1)) with respect to the Coronavirus
18 Disease 2019 (COVID–19);

19 (B) priority access to personal protective
20 equipment, sanitizers, nonmedical-grade facial
21 coverings, and other health-related or protective
22 supplies necessary to safely perform essential
23 critical infrastructure work; and

1 (C) priority access to COVID-19 vaccina-
2 tions, based on availability, for essential critical
3 infrastructure workers.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—Nothing in this section requires
5 the provision of priority testing or priority access to per-
6 sonal protective equipment for essential critical infrastruc-
7 ture workers (as such term is used in subsection (a)(1))
8 to be prioritized over the provision of that testing or access
9 to personal protective equipment or vaccinations for other
10 individuals who are identified by the Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention or any other relevant Federal,
12 State, or local agency as having a higher priority for that
13 testing or access to personal protective equipment, includ-
14 ing—

15 (1) patients;

16 (2) healthcare workers; and

17 (3) first responders.

18 **SEC. 3. FUTURE HEALTH CRISIS.**

19 The Secretary of Transportation shall issue such reg-
20 ulations as are necessary to adopt any guidance from the
21 Department of Homeland Security during any future
22 health crisis to account for the transportation sector and
23 ensure the Department takes substantially similar actions

- 1 regarding prioritization for essential critical infrastructure
- 2 workers as described in section 2 of this Act.

