



Mobilize AMERICA Act

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the vulnerabilities of our supply chain, particularly in the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), pharmaceuticals, and other critical medical supplies. The United States has become far too dependent on other countries – including Communist China – which is the top medical device exporter to the U.S. and is the second largest drug exporter to the U.S.¹.

It is critical for the United States to take bold action – in partnership with the private sector – to address these vulnerabilities in our medical supply chain and ensure we are prepared for future pandemics and public health emergencies.

Bill Summary:

The Mobilize AMERICA Act would provide a significant incentive for the private sector to on-shore and increase domestic manufacturing of critical medical supplies, ensuring that the United States has the capacity to acquire supplies necessary to combat public health emergencies without relying on foreign countries.

Specifically, it would establish a grant program to allow manufacturers to expand domestic production of drugs, vaccines, personal protective equipment, and other medical supplies that are critical during a pandemic or public health emergency.

Grants could be used to cover up to 50% of the costs associated with the building and assembly of manufacturing equipment or modifications or expansion to existing facilities to accommodate such equipment.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in consultation with the Department of Defense (DOD), would be responsible for administering the grant. It would be authorized at \$250 million per year for five years.

The Secretaries of HHS and DOD would be required to establish and implement procedures for ongoing monitoring to ensure the program works toward the goal of expanding domestic production of medical supplies. Additionally, within 180 days and annually thereafter, the Secretaries would be required to submit to Congress a report on the program, including certification that all funds appropriated are used solely for purposes under the Act.

¹ <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/office-global-operations/china-office#:~:text=China%20ranks%20second%20among%20countries,absorbable%20gauze%20and%20surgical%20gowns.>