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S. 421

To prohibit Federal funding to the Wuhan Institute of Virology and to require a GAO study regarding Federal funds previously provided to such institute or to entities affiliated with the Chinese Government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Defund the Wuhan
5 Institute of Virology Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE**
2 **WUHAN INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds authorized or appro-
4 priated by Federal law may be made available to the
5 Wuhan Institute of Virology for any purpose.

6 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 2
7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct
9 a study and submit a report to Congress regarding the
10 amount of Federal funds that were awarded or indirectly
11 provided (whether purposely or inadvertently) during the
12 15-year period immediately preceding such date of enact-
13 ment to—

- 14 (1) the Wuhan Institute of Virology, including
15 affiliated researchers;
- 16 (2) the People’s Republic of China;
- 17 (3) the Chinese Communist Party; or
- 18 (4) any agency or instrumentality of the entities
19 listed in paragraphs (1) through (3).

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