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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO KEEP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
SAFE AND HEALTHY BY DECREASING THE NATION'S DEPENDENCY ON  
FOREIGN MANUFACTURED PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS AND  
MEDICINE, PARTICULARLY FROM CHINA

1           WHEREAS, millions of Americans depend on pharmaceutical  
2 drugs to cure, treat, or prevent disease and these drugs can  
3 result in lifesaving and life sustaining outcomes; and  
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5           WHEREAS, China has become the world's largest supplier of  
6 active pharmaceutical ingredients and the U.S. Food and Drug  
7 Administration estimates that at least eighty per cent of active  
8 pharmaceutical ingredients are manufactured outside of the  
9 United States, mainly in China; and  
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11           WHEREAS, China's dominance in supplying the United States'  
12 chemical and pharmaceutical sector has driven out many U.S.-  
13 based pharmaceutical companies resulting in a loss of capacity  
14 to domestically produce vital drugs used by patients every day;  
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17           WHEREAS, the increased dependence on Chinese produced  
18 active pharmaceutical ingredients creates a national security  
19 risk and public health risk that cannot be overstated, as it  
20 results in U.S. dependence on foreign-sourced pharmaceuticals;  
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23           WHEREAS, due to America's dependence on Chinese produced  
24 active pharmaceutical ingredients, China could weaponize its  
25 position in the pharmaceutical supply chain to the disadvantage  
26 and peril of the citizens of the United States by manipulating  
27 or cutting off the supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients;  
28 now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
 3 2020, the Senate concurring, the U.S. Congress is urged to  
 4 decrease the nation's dependence on foreign manufactured  
 5 medicines, particularly from China to ensure the continuity and  
 6 safety of the supply of the products and keep the American  
 7 people safe and healthy; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U.S. Congress is advised to  
 10 develop a white paper on the methods, materials, and timeline  
 11 necessary to phase out or reduce American dependence on the  
 12 manufacture of active pharmaceutical ingredients by potentially  
 13 hostile powers, such as China and Russia; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the U.S. Congress is urged to  
 16 incentivize the creation or reestablishment of American owned  
 17 and operated active pharmaceutical ingredients factories in the  
 18 United States; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
 22 the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the  
 23 United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of  
 24 the United States House of Representatives, the President of the  
 25 United States Senate, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of  
 26 State, the Office of the Surgeon General, the Centers for  
 27 Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
 28 Services, the Joint Chiefs Of Staff, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
 29 Association, Kaiser Permanente, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson  
 30 & Johnson, Merck & Co, AbbVie Inc, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Eli  
 31 Lilly and Company, Biogen, Abbott Laboratories, Stryker  
 32 Corporation, and Regeneron.  
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