

House of Representatives Introduce Bill 6666. Allocating 100 Billion Dollars to the Tracing of All Americans.

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May 1st, 2020 -- Illinois State Representative (D-IL) Bobby Rush introduces H.R. 6666 - Covid-19 Testing, Reaching, and Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act into the House of Representatives. The bill is co-sponsored by forty four (44) democrats and one (1) republican congressman.

The primary purpose of the bill is “to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID–19, and related activities such as contact tracing, through mobile health units and, as necessary, at individuals’ residences.”

The TRACE Act approves one hundred billion dollars to establish grants for "eligible entities." The grants are authorized by Mark Leavitt and distributed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Permissible use of funds include:

- (1) To hire, train, compensate, and pay the expenses of individuals; and
- (2) To purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies.

To receive grants from the secretary you must qualify as a legal “eligible entity”. Meaning:

- (A) A Federally qualified health center (section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa));
- (B) A school-based health clinic;
- (C) A disproportionate share hospital (title XIX Social Security Act(42 U.S.C. 1396) pursuant to section 1923(a)(1)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4);
- (D) An academic medical center;
- (E) A nonprofit organization;
- (F) An institution of higher education(20 U.S.C. 1001);
- (G) A high school ();
- (H) Any other type of entity that is determined by the Secretary to be an eligible entity for the purposes of this section.

On the same day the bill was referred by Congress to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

On May 8th, 2020, the committee held a teleconference forum meeting on Covid-19 testing, contact tracing and surveillance.

Chairman of the committee (D-NJ) Frank Palone led the public forum.¹ Guest speakers at the teleconference include Andy Slavitt, the “former Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services” under the Obama Administration. Mark McCellan, current director of Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke. And Avik Roy, co founder and president of Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity.

Slavit and McCellan are “familiar to our committee [on Energy and Commerce]” and the Committee Chairman states “we’ve already relied, to some extent, on their suggestion in the legislation we’ve already done.” McCellan agrees with the Chairman saying “we believe it [TRACE Act] is broadly consistent with the bipartisan proposal we put together.”

Part of a larger group, Slavitt and Mccellan co-authored the “Bipartisan Public Health Leaders Letter on ”.²

Other authors included in the letter are Mike Leavitt, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

On April 27th, 2020, four days before the introduction of the TRACE Act, the letter was sent to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader Kecin McCarthy, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader Chuck Shumer, the Congress, and the Senate.

The letter details medical and surveillance techniques which could be applied to safely reopen the economy. As such, the letter forms the basis for the techniques required to gain eligibility for the grants administered by the TRACE Act.

They write to congress “Contact tracing and voluntary self-isolation are well-established and successful public health approaches for selected communicable diseases, containing COVID-19 will require execution of these activities on an unprecedented scale throughout the United States.”

Not all experts agree that there is “well established” medical consensus on the claims made in the letter or in TRACE Act.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzZ1ecsBwv0&feature=youtu.be>

² <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/6877567/Bipartisan-Public-Health-Leaders-Letter-on.pdf>

Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi, a former professor at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, head of the Institute for Medical Microbiology and Hygiene, and one of the most cited research scientists in German History, worries that “[the government’s anti-COVID19 measures] are grotesque, absurd and very dangerous ... The consequences on medical care are profound. Already services to patients in need are reduced, operations cancelled, practices empty, hospital personnel dwindling.”³

Dr. Pietro Vernazza says we should “better integrate the scientific facts into the political decisions”, and that “if we close the schools, we will prevent the children from quickly becoming immune.”

During the Committee teleconference, Avik Roy said “nursing homes contain 40% of deaths from Covid-19 in the U.S.”, “it’s not merely elderly individuals that are at high risk, it’s specifically elderly individuals who live in nursing homes, and tragically our early policy response helped amplify that risk in nursing homes.”

Dr. Birx recently said “There is nothing from the CDC that I can trust”, she was reported to be “frustrated with the CDC’s antiquated system for tracking virus data, which they worried was inflating some statistics... by as much as 25 percent.”⁴

Because of the stay at home measures, the United States experienced 2.8 million new unemployment claims, bringing the percentage of unemployed Americans to an all time high of 14%.⁵

The TRACE Act is designed to support the second stage of the pandemic, the reopening of the U.S. economy. It proposes to create stimulus in the economy by building a new economy around Covid-19. “We believe the direct impact of this investment, along with an adequate testing and containment infrastructure that links in health care providers and businesses, will have a significant economic impact, allowing Americans to get back to work safely and quickly, create employment, stabilize our healthcare system, and stimulate the hospitality sector... Control of the outbreak will constitute the strongest possible stimulus to the U.S. economy.”

To stimulate the economy, the U.S. taxpayer will pay private doctors when they “refer patients who test positive for Coronavirus to the proper contract tracing resources.” The referred patients

³ <https://off-guardian.org/2020/03/24/12-experts-questioning-the-coronavirus-panic/>

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/as-deaths-mount-trump-tries-to-convince-americans-its-safe-to-inch-back-to-normal/2020/05/09/bf024fe6-9149-11ea-a9c0-73b93422d691_story.html

⁵ <https://datausa.io/coronavirus#economy>

should then be paid “income support for whom loss of income during 14 days of voluntary self-isolation represent a prohibitive barrier” to stay in “self-isolation facilities utilizing vacant hotels” and “Paying these individuals a stipend of \$50 per day” to do so. The taxpayer should also pay private hotels 4.5 billion to “provide a much needed stimulus for the hospitality industry across the country.” Furthermore, it is necessary to “quickly hire and train” 180,000 people to “establish a workforce” and surveil law abiding citizens.

The “Bipartisan Public Health Leaders Letter on” was written by sixteen authors from various backgrounds including; former and current public officials, medical professionals, technology information and systems analysts, investors, and lobbyists.

One of the Co-Authors is Juliette Kayyem, Senior Lecturer in International Security at Harvard Kennedy School which states “Covid-19 era will change national security forever.” And that “supporters of a more robust health-security agenda must go on the offense.”⁶ Kayyem is also an analyst for CNN in national security, intelligence, and terrorism, where she wrote such articles as “Why women should be required to register for the draft”, “Why Guantanamo is still open”, “Security analyst on shooting: I’m pissed”, and “We shouldn’t be suprised that Southwest’s hero pilot is a woman.”⁷

Other Authors include Farzad Mostashari, founder of Aledade Inc, and former National Coordinator for health Information Technology. After his time in public office he became “a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution. He used his time at Brookings to develop the ideas that he used to found Aledade.” The Brookings Institution took 1.8 million dollars in grants from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2019.⁸

And Bob Kocher, former Special Assistant to President Obama for Healthcare policy on the National Economic Council. He currently serves as a partner at Venrock where he “focuses on healthcare information technologies investments.” He also serves on the Board of Aledade. Additionally he serves on the board of Harvard Medical School Health care Policy Department.⁹ Which accepted 19 million dollars from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2019, and 200 thousand in 2020.¹⁰ Bob received his medical degree from George Washington University.

And Leana Wen, Visiting Professor of Health Policy and Management at George Washington University (GW) Milken School of Public Health. GW accepted 140 thousand in 2020. From 2014 to 2019 she held office as Baltimore City Health Commissioner.

⁶ <https://time.com/5820625/national-security-coronavirus-samantha-power/>

⁷ <https://www.cnn.com/profiles/juliette-kayyem-profile>

⁸ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database#q/k=brookings>

⁹ <https://www.venrock.com/teammember/bob-kocher/>

¹⁰ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database#q/k=harvard>

And Michael Osterholm - Regents Professor and Director, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota (UMN). In 2020 Osterholm's employer UMN, took 3.3 million dollars in grant money from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to "provide effective, accessible, scalable treatment for covid-19."¹¹

And Tom Ingelsby, director of the Center for Health Security of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

And Joshua Sharfstein, vice dean for public Health Practice and Community Engagement at the same John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

And Eric Topol, Cardiology Fellow at John Hopkins University from 1982-1985. Topol was also inducted into the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars. A prestigious society "created on the recommendation of then president Milton S. Eisenhower and approved by the university board of trustees."¹²

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health received 100 thousand dollars from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "to promote childhood vaccine equity by developing a program to seize vaccination opportunities when children are hospitalized."¹³

The School was given 2.8 million in 2019 "to work with Gavi "transitioning or transitioned countries on generating robust, country-specific evidence on economic benefits of vaccines and to be used for mobilizing additional financing for immunization programs."¹⁴ Gavi is a partner with Bills Gates' former company Microsoft in ID2020. ID2020 is a global immutable and permanent digital ID system built on blockchain technology. Gavi also received 2.5 billion from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for "speeding the development of new vaccines"¹⁵ Bill Gates has suggested that "Eventually we will have some digital certificates to show who has recovered or been tested recently or when we have a vaccine who has received it."¹⁶

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation then gave 20 million to Microchips Biotech to develop "innovative drug delivery technology designed to store and precisely deliver hundreds of therapeutic doses over months or years in a single implant. The implant is intended to be

¹¹ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database/Grants/2020/04/INV-017069>

¹² <https://pages.jh.edu/commencement/honorary/scholall.shtml>

¹³ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database/Grants/2019/11/OPP1217304>

¹⁴ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database/Grants/2019/11/INV-003813>

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<https://web.archive.org/web/20200206190252/https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Vaccine-Delivery>

¹⁶ <https://i.redd.it/ixbanmtiin41.png>

operated by the patient to deliver medication on demand or on a predetermined schedule that can be activated or deactivated wirelessly, as required.”¹⁷

Again in 2019, 180 thousand to “provide technical assistance to a Hib and PCV vaccine impact modeling study that will strengthen vaccine introduction evidence in middle-income countries.”¹⁸

And another 140 thousand “to identify a novel antigen for malaria vaccine development.”¹⁹

All together the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation has given Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health over 14 million dollars in 2019 and 660 thousand dollars in 2020.²⁰

“At the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, all of our investments in vaccines and immunization contribute to the goals of the Decade of Vaccines.”²¹ The Decade of Vaccines is a World Health Organization (WHO) Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) to “achieve the... vision by delivering universal access to immunization.”²²

X out of the 16 authors are associated with grants given by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the total of \$X.

The letter states that programs in the TRACE Act such as a workforce of contract tracers will be in effect until “such time as a safe, effective vaccine is on the market,” and that the “unspent funds [are] returned to the federal Treasury at the time a vaccine is widely available and the virus is contained.”

Avik Roy during the Committee Teleconference said “there’s no guarantee we can develop a vaccine for SARS-CoV-2.”²³

¹⁷ <https://darebioscience.com/microchips-biotech/>

¹⁸ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database/Grants/2019/09/INV-002712>

¹⁹ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database/Grants/2019/05/OPP1213317>

²⁰ <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/How-We-Work/Quick-Links/Grants-Database#q/k=John%20Hopkins>

²¹ <https://web.archive.org/web/20200206190252/https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Vaccine-Deliver>

²² <https://web.archive.org/web/20200206190252/https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Vaccine-Deliver>

²³ <https://freopp.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzZ1ecsBwv0&feature=youtu.be>