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To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to formulate a strategy for entering into agreements with foreign countries to develop and commercialize new drugs to address pandemics, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Saving Us from Pan-
5 demic Era Resistance by Building a Unified Global Strat-
6 egy Act of 2021” or the “SUPER BUGS Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF**
2 **NEW DRUGS TO ADDRESS PANDEMICS.**

3 (a) STRATEGY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-
7 tion with the Secretary of State, shall—

8 (A) formulate a strategy for entering into
9 agreements with foreign countries to help to de-
10 velop and commercialize (including through
11 contracts with the private sector) new drugs to
12 address pandemics, including antimicrobial
13 drugs; and

14 (B) submit such strategy to the Congress.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The strategy under paragraph
16 (1) shall—

17 (A) provide for the harmonization of agree-
18 ments and contracts described in paragraph
19 (1)(A);

20 (B) allow such countries to emphasize na-
21 tional or regional issues of importance; and

22 (C) provide for collaboration among such
23 countries, so as to allocate joint or individual
24 responsibility across such countries for the de-
25 velopment and commercialization of particular
26 drugs.

1 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The
2 Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation
3 with the Secretary of State, shall seek to enter into agree-
4 ments with foreign countries to implement the strategy
5 under subsection (a).

6 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “anti-
7 microbial drug” means—

8 (1) an antibiotic drug, as defined in section
9 201(jj) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
10 Act (21 U.S.C. 321(jj)); or

11 (2) a biological product, as defined in section
12 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
13 262(i)), that exhibits antimicrobial activity.