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117TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement or enforce a COVID–19 vaccine mandate, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HARSHBARGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Blocking Joseph  
5 Robinette Biden’s Overreaching Vaccine Mandates Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF FUNDING FOR COVID-19 VACCINE**  
2 **MANDATES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be used  
4 to implement or enforce (including through promulgation  
5 of any rule or regulation) a COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVID-19 VACCINE.—The term “COVID-  
8 19 vaccine” means an immunization that is intended  
9 to prevent or mitigate coronavirus disease 2019 (or  
10 SARS-CoV-2).

11 (2) COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE.—The term  
12 “COVID-19 vaccine mandate” means—

13 (A) any requirement that a person, includ-  
14 ing a Federal employee or an individual per-  
15 forming work or in connection with a contractor  
16 with the Federal Government, receive a  
17 COVID-19 vaccine; or

18 (B) any requirement that an employer re-  
19 quire an employee or independent contractor to  
20 receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

21 (3) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer” means  
22 a person engaged in a business affecting commerce  
23 who has employees or independent contractors. Such  
24 term includes a State or political subdivision of a  
25 State but does not include the United States.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19**  
2 **VACCINATION MANDATE UNDER THE MEDI-**  
3 **CARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS.**

4 Notwithstanding any provision of title XI, XVIII, or  
5 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.,  
6 1395 et seq., 1396 et seq.), the Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services may not—

8 (1) require a health care provider, as a condi-  
9 tion of participation in the Medicare or Medicaid  
10 program to mandate vaccination of employees  
11 against COVID-19; or

12 (2) otherwise penalize such a provider for such  
13 provider's failure to so mandate such vaccination.