

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To prohibit any Federal agency from requiring that staff in health care facilities be vaccinated against COVID–19 as a condition of the facility participating in the Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Respecting Our Front-
5 line Workers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING COVID-19 VACCINA-**
2 **TION FOR STAFF OF HEALTH CARE FACILI-**
3 **TIES AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN**
4 **THE MEDICARE, MEDICAID, OR CHIP PRO-**
5 **GRAMS.**

6 Neither the head of any Federal agency nor any offi-
7 cer or employee of such an agency shall establish or en-
8 force any requirement that the staff of any health care
9 facility or other health care setting receive a COVID-19
10 vaccine as a condition of participation in any of the fol-
11 lowing programs:

12 (1) The Medicare program under title XVIII of
13 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

14 (2) The Medicaid program under title XIX of
15 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

16 (3) The Children's Health Insurance Program
17 under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.).