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117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

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To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from issuing guidance intended to restrict access to COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapies and other treatments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois 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 "Equal Access to Thera-
- 5 peutics Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RESTRICTIONS ON DIRECT AC- |
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| 2 | CESS TO COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY |
| 3 | THERAPIES. |
| 4 | (a) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provi- |
| 5 | sion of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services |
| 6 | may not issue, implement, or continue in effect any policy |
| 7 | or guidance intended to base any determination on wheth- |
| 8 | er an individual may access COVID-19 monoclonal anti- |
| 9 | body therapies and other COVID-19 treatments on the |
| 10 | race or ethnicity of such individual. |
| 11 | (b) Penalties.—The Secretary of Health and |
| 12 | Human Services shall be held personally liable for the |
| 13 | death of any individual who is denied access to COVID- |
| 14 | 19 monoclonal antibody therapies and other treatments |
| 15 | pursuant to any policy or guidance prohibited under sub- |
| 16 | section (a). |
| 17 | SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO HOS- |
| 18 | PITALS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO |
| 19 | RESTRICT ACCESS TO COVID-19 |
| 20 | MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPIES. |
| 21 | No Federal funds may be disbursed to any hospital |
| 22 | or other health care provider that has in effect a policy |
| 23 | that restricts access by individuals to COVID-19 |
| 24 | monoclonal antibody therapies and other COVID-19 |
| 25 | treatments based on the race or ethnicity such individuals. |