

## HR 6519

Holding the Chinese Communist Party Accountable for Infecting Americans Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3662	Related bill	<b>May 7, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Holding the Chinese Communist Party Accountable for Infecting Americans Act of 2020**

This bill allows foreign states to be sued in a U.S. court for physical or economic harms occurring in the United States as a result of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus 2019). (Typically, a foreign state is immune from lawsuits filed against it in a U.S. court.)

Specifically, a foreign state shall not have immunity from a lawsuit seeking damages for (1) the foreign state's spread of COVID-19, or (2) tortious acts intended to deliberately conceal or distort the existence or nature of COVID-19.

If the United States is in discussions with a foreign state that is seeking to resolve claims related to COVID-19 against the foreign state, the Department of Justice may intervene and seek a stay in a case filed under this bill involving the foreign state.

### **Actions Timeline**

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