

## HR 8604

### Protecting Essential Workers Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 16, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Oct 16, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Oct 16, 2020)

#### Protecting Essential Workers Act

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish within two months a publicly accessible clearinghouse of information about personal protective equipment used to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or other pathogens that trigger public health emergency declarations.

The clearinghouse must identify sources of available equipment, verify product prices, and provide other information to facilitate the procurement of these products. Participation in this clearinghouse by suppliers of personal protective equipment must be voluntary.

## **Actions Timeline**

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