

HR 4142

CCP Wrongful Death Accountability Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Santos, George [R-NY-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill authorizes certain private lawsuits against the Chinese government for harm resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes a case to be brought by (1) a U.S. national if their immediate relative died of COVID-19 (i.e., wrongful death), or (2) a U.S. citizen for harm suffered by the citizen. The harms for which a citizen may seek damages include, but are not limited to, expenditures for overtime wages paid to frontline workers, vaccine or medical equipment purchases, and research and development costs.

Such a case must be brought in a U.S. district court. If the Chinese government fails to pay a judgment under one of these provisions within one year, the plaintiff may obtain a court order directing the federal government to pay the amount owed. If the federal government is ordered to pay the judgment, the federal government must deduct an equivalent amount from (1) any interest or debt owed by the United States to China, or (2) any amounts made available to provide U.S. assistance to China.

Actions Timeline

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