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# H. R. 3136

To require the reinstatement of recently terminated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention employees, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Protect our Public  
5 Health Workforce Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT AND PAYMENT OF AFFECTED EM-**  
7 **PLOYEES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal employee who was  
9 involuntarily removed or otherwise dismissed without

1 cause from the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
2 tion (in this Act referred to as the “CDC”) during the  
3 period beginning on January 20, 2025, and ending on the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act shall, at the election  
5 of the individual, be reinstated to the same position or an  
6 equivalent position with backpay in accordance with sec-  
7 tion 5596 of title 5, United States Code.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act and every three months  
11 thereafter, the Director of the CDC shall submit to the  
12 appropriate congressional committees a report on employ-  
13 ees of CDC who were removed or otherwise dismissed from  
14 the agency.

15 (b) CONTENTS.—Any report submitted under sub-  
16 section (a) shall include the following:

17 (1) The total number of CDC employees re-  
18 moved or otherwise dismissed from the agency dur-  
19 ing the period covered by the report.

20 (2) The title and job description for each such  
21 removal or dismissal.

22 (3) The reason for each such removal or dis-  
23 missal.

1       (c) SUNSET.—The requirement to submit reports  
2 under this subsection shall terminate on January 20,  
3 2029.

4       (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-  
5 priate congressional committees” means—

6           (1) the Committee on Oversight and Govern-  
7 ment Reform and the Committee on Energy and  
8 Commerce and of the House of Representatives; and

9           (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and  
10 Government Affairs and the Committee on Health,  
11 Education, and Labor and Pensions of the Senate.

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