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116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to jointly report to Congress on certain efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Wildfire and Commu-  
5 nity Health Response Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON WILDFIRE RISK DURING COVID-19 PAN-**  
2 **DEMIC.**

3 (a) **FIRST REPORT.**—Not later than May 31, 2020,  
4 the Secretaries concerned shall jointly submit to Congress  
5 a report on—

6 (1) the activities that the Department of Agri-  
7 culture and the Department of the Interior, respec-  
8 tively, have carried out, are carrying out, or will  
9 carry out to—

10 (A) mitigate wildfire risk during the  
11 COVID-19 pandemic, including activities to  
12 minimize the impact of wildfires on the res-  
13 piratory health of communities;

14 (B) identify methods of fuels reduction  
15 used during the COVID-19 pandemic to mini-  
16 mize the threat of wildfire on National Forest  
17 System lands and public lands; and

18 (C) slow the spread of COVID-19 between  
19 firefighters and emergency response teams; and

20 (2) the recommendations of the Secretaries con-  
21 cerned with respect to the Federal support necessary  
22 to carry out the activities described in paragraph  
23 (1).

24 (b) **SECOND REPORT.**—Not later than December 31,  
25 2020, the Secretaries concerned shall jointly submit to  
26 Congress a report on—

1           (1) the activities and recommendations de-  
2           scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a);  
3           and

4           (2) the outcomes of the forest and wildfire man-  
5           agement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and  
6           the recommendations of the Secretaries with respect  
7           to such outcomes.

8           (c) SECRETARIES CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this  
9           section, the term “Secretaries concerned” means—

10           (1) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to  
11           National Forest System lands; and

12           (2) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect  
13           to public lands.