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To direct the President to take action to protect against the transmission of Ebola virus from individuals traveling to the United States from abroad, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. STOCKMAN, and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Ebola Response Act
5 of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING AGAINST THE TRANSMISSION OF**
2 **EBOLA FROM INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING**
3 **FROM ABROAD.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the
5 President, acting through the Secretary of Homeland Se-
6 curity and the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
7 shall—

8 (1) prohibit any individual from entering the
9 United States for a period of 30 days following the
10 individual’s presence in a country experiencing an
11 Ebola outbreak;

12 (2) before allowing any individual who is a na-
13 tional of a country experiencing an Ebola outbreak,
14 or has recently been present in such a country, to
15 enter the United States, ensure that—

16 (A) the individual tests negative for the
17 Ebola virus by means of a serum neutralization,
18 a polymerase chain reaction (PCR), an enzyme-
19 linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), or an-
20 other diagnostic test approved by the Centers
21 for Disease Control and Prevention;

22 (B) the individual’s body temperature is
23 measured as being normal; and

24 (C) one or more qualified health care pro-
25 fessionals provides written certification of the
26 negative test results under subparagraph (A)

1 and the normal body temperature measurement
2 under subparagraph (B); and

3 (3) as a condition on allowing an individual de-
4 scribed in paragraph (2) to enter the United States,
5 require such individual to submit to a 21-day period
6 of monitoring for symptoms of Ebola virus disease.

7 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—The President may exempt offi-
8 cials, employees, and contractors of the Departments of
9 State and Defense from the requirements of subsection (a)
10 if the President determines that such Departments have
11 sufficient measures in place to protect against the trans-
12 mission of Ebola virus by such individuals.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act:

14 (1) The term “country experiencing an Ebola
15 outbreak” means a country whose population is ex-
16 periencing Ebola virus disease in epidemic propor-
17 tions, as determined by the Director of the Centers
18 for Disease Control and Prevention.

19 (2) The term “qualified” means recognized by
20 the American Medical Association or the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention as capable of pro-
22 viding the written certification under subsection
23 (a)(2)(C).

- 1 (3) The term “normal” means, with respect to
- 2 human body temperature, within 1 degree Fahr-
- 3 enheit of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

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