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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________________

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 “Disease X Act of
5 2023”.
6 SEC. 2. MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES FOR VIRAL THREATS
7 WITH PANDEMIC POTENTIAL.
8 (a) In General.—Section 319L(c)(4) of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(c)(4)) is amend-
10 ed—
(1) in subparagraph (D)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (v); and

(C) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) the identification and development of platform manufacturing technologies needed for advanced development and manufacturing of medical countermeasures for viral families which have significant potential to cause a pandemic;

“(iv) advanced research and development of flexible medical countermeasures against priority respiratory virus families and other respiratory viral pathogens with a significant potential to cause a pandemic, with both pathogen-specific and pathogen-agnostic approaches; and”;

(2) in subparagraph (F)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” at the end and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in clause (iii), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

and
(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) priority virus families and other
viral pathogens with a significant potential
to cause a pandemic.”.

(b) FUNDING.—Section 319L(d)(2) of the Public
Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(d)(2)) is amend-
ed—

(1) by striking “To carry out” and inserting
the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—To carry out”;

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—In addi-
tion to the amounts appropriated under
clause (i), there is authorized to be appro-
priated to the Fund $40,000,000 for each
of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, which
amounts shall be used solely for purposes
of carrying out clauses (iii) and (iv) of sub-
section (e)(4)(D), such amounts to remain
available until expended.”.