

SENATE RESOLUTION 3

(By Senator Rucker)

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1 Recognizing the importance of strengthening the United States' medical supply chains with
2 trusted trading partners.

3 Whereas, The United States must have reliable access to essential medicines to protect
4 public health and national security; and

5 Whereas, The People's Republic of China is actively seeking to be a global leader in the
6 supply of medicines and medicine ingredients; and

7 Whereas, The United States has become dependent on China for certain medicines and
8 ingredients, especially essential generic medicines; and

9 Whereas, Experts have warned that China could leverage this dependency to restrict the
10 supply of these products to the United States, which would significantly impact American patients;
11 and

12 Whereas, Longstanding U.S. trading partners such as Australia, the European Union,
13 Japan, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom are important suppliers of medicines and ingredients
14 to the United States, and afford reciprocal tariff-free treatment to U.S. medicines and ingredients;
15 and

16 Whereas, Trade in medicines and ingredients with these trusted and reliable countries
17 complements and supports U.S. production, mitigates the risk of supply chain disruptions, and
18 enables Americans to access a broader range of medical treatments; and

19 Whereas, Expanding trade in medicines and ingredients with these trusted and reliable
20 countries through bilateral or sectoral trade agreements would benefit the United States, including
21 by reducing reliance on unreliable countries; and

1 Whereas, The imposition of tariffs on medicines and ingredients from these trusted and
2 reliable countries would increase costs, disrupt supply chains, and increase the risk of supply
3 shortages that could harm American patients; and

4 Whereas, Medicines and their supply chains are exceptionally complex, such that any
5 effort to alter these supply chains must be undertaken very carefully to avoid disruptions; and

6 Whereas, The United States Department of Commerce has initiated an investigation
7 pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act to determine whether imports of medicines
8 and ingredients threaten to impair national security; and

9 Whereas, The President of the United States, in his January 20, 2025, Memorandum on
10 America First Trade Policy, expressed support for the negotiation of bilateral or sector-specific
11 trade agreements; therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate:*

13 That the Senate hereby recognizes the importance of strengthening the United States'
14 medical supply chains with trusted trading partners; and, be it

15 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate calls on the President of the United States to explore
16 policies that can reduce the United States' dependence on China for certain essential medicines;
17 and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate calls on the President of the United States to preserve
19 and strengthen tariff-free trade in medicines and ingredients with trusted and reliable trading
20 partners, such as Australia, the European Union, Japan, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom,
21 including through the negotiation of bilateral or sector-specific agreement with these economies
22 and by not imposing tariffs under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act on imports of medicines
23 and ingredients from these economies; and, be it

24 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
25 the Secretary of Commerce, to the United States Trade Representative, to the Directors of the
26 National Economic Council and the National Security Council, and to the Secretary of State.