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116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

To require all Federal agencies to translate COVID–19 materials into multiple languages, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MENG 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 “COVID–19 Language  
5 Access Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSLATION OF MATERIALS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Federal agency that receives  
8 Federal assistance related to the COVID–19 pandemic  
9 shall translate any English language written material pre-

1   pared for the general public relating to such pandemic into  
2   the languages described in subsection (b) not later than  
3   7 days after any such material is made available in  
4   English.

5       (b) LANGUAGES COVERED.—The material described  
6   in subsection (a) shall be translated, at a minimum, into  
7   Spanish, Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, Haitian Creole,  
8   French, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Rus-  
9   sian, Tagalog, Urdu, Vietnamese, Greek, Polish, Thai, and  
10  Portuguese.

11       (c) DEFINITION OF COVID–19 PANDEMIC.—In this  
12  section, the term “COVID–19 pandemic” means the pub-  
13  lic health emergency declared by the Secretary pursuant  
14  to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act on Janu-  
15  ary 31, 2020, entitled “Determination that a Public  
16  Health Emergency Exists Nationwide as the Result of the  
17  2019 Novel Coronavirus”.