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

To abolish the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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**A BILL**

To abolish the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and for other purposes.

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 “Freedom for Farmers  
5 Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES**  
7 **AND DISEASE REGISTRY.**

8 (a) ABOLISHMENT OF AGENCY.—The Agency for  
9 Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (in this section re-

1 ferred to as the “Agency”) is abolished effective on the  
2 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this  
3 Act.

4 (b) TERMINATION OF FUNCTIONS.—Except as pro-  
5 vided in subsection (c)(1), all functions of the Agency shall  
6 terminate on the date specified in subsection (a).

7 (c) TRANSFERRED AUTHORITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the date specified in  
9 subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and Human  
10 Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
11 retary”) shall transfer the authority vested in the  
12 Agency by section 104(i)(1)(A) of the Comprehen-  
13 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and  
14 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(1)(A)) as  
15 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of  
16 this Act (relating to a national registry of serious  
17 diseases and illnesses and a national registry of per-  
18 sons exposed to toxic substances) to an appropriate  
19 agency within the Department of Health and  
20 Human Services.

21 (2) CORRESPONDING TRANSFER OF ASSETS  
22 AND PERSONNEL.—In connection with the transfer  
23 of authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary may  
24 transfer within the Department of Health and  
25 Human Services such assets, funds, personnel,

1 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) CERCLA.—The Comprehensive Environmental  
3 Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
4 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 104 (42 U.S.C. 9604), by amend-  
6 ing subsection (i) to read as follows:

7 “(i) The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
8 shall, in cooperation with the States, maintain a national  
9 registry of serious diseases and illnesses and a national  
10 registry of persons exposed to toxic substances.”;

11 (2) in section 111 (42 U.S.C. 9611)—

12 (A) by striking subsection (c)(4); and

13 (B) by striking subsection (m); and

14 (3) in section 310(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
15 9659(a)(2)), by striking “and the Administrator of  
16 the ATSDR”.

17 (b) OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES.—

18 (1) Section 2704 of title 10, United States  
19 Code, is amended by striking subsection (f).

20 (2) Section 405(d)(1) of the Toxic Substances  
21 Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601(d)(1)) is amended by  
22 striking “acting through the Director of the Agency  
23 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry,”.

24 (3) Section 209(c)(1)(A) of the Fire Adminis-  
25 tration Authorization Act of 1992 (29 U.S.C.  
26 671a(c)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “the Admin-

1       istrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Dis-  
2       ease Registry,”.

3           (4) Section 118(e)(3)(A) of the Federal Water  
4       Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(e)(3)(A)) is  
5       amended by striking “, in consultation with the Re-  
6       search Office, the Agency for Toxic Substances and  
7       Disease Registry, and Great Lakes States” and in-  
8       serting “, in consultation with the Research Office  
9       and Great Lakes States,”.

10          (5) Section 317F(a) of the Public Health Serv-  
11       ice Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-7(a)) is amended—

12           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and the  
13       Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Reg-  
14       istry”; and

15           (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or the  
16       Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Reg-  
17       istry”.

18          (6) Section 399S of the Public Health Service  
19       Act (42 U.S.C. 280g-7) is amended—

20           (A) in subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)—

21           (i) by inserting “and” at the end of  
22       subclause (II);

23           (ii) by striking subclause (III); and

24           (iii) by redesignating subclause (IV)  
25       as subclause (III); and

1 (B) in subsection (d)(1)(A)—  
2 (i) by striking clause (iv); and  
3 (ii) by redesignating clauses (v)  
4 through (vii) as clauses (iv) through (vi),  
5 respectively.

6 (7) Section 399V-6(e)(5) of the Public Health  
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g-17(e)(5)) is amended  
8 by striking “and the Assessments of Chemical Expo-  
9 sures Program of the Agency for Toxic Substances  
10 and Disease Registry”.

11 (8) Section 3(e) of the ICCVAM Authorization  
12 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3(e)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (1); and  
14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
15 through (16) as paragraphs (1) through (15),  
16 respectively.

17 (9) Section 2201(e) of the Water Infrastructure  
18 Improvements for the Nation Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-  
19 12 note) is amended by striking “the Director of the  
20 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
21 of” each place it appears.

22 (10) Section 2203 of the Water Infrastructure  
23 Improvements for the Nation Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-  
24 27) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (b), by striking “within  
2 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease  
3 Registry or the Centers for Disease Control and  
4 Prevention at the discretion of the Secretary”  
5 and inserting “within the Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention”; and

7 (B) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking “,  
8 within the Agency for Toxic Substances and  
9 Disease Registry”.

10 (11) Section 709(a)(7) of the Security and Ac-  
11 countability for Every Port Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C.  
12 300hh-14(a)(7)) is amended by striking “the Agen-  
13 cy for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry,”.

14 (12) Section 3001 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 6921(b)(1)) is amended by striking  
16 “the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Reg-  
17 istry and”.

18 (13) Section 3019 of the Solid Waste Disposal  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 6939a) is amended—

20 (A) by striking subsections (b) through  
21 (g); and

22 (B) in subsection (a), by striking the sub-  
23 section designation and heading.

24 (14) Section 103(d)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act  
25 (42 U.S.C. 7403(d)(2)(A)) is amended by striking

1       “the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Reg-  
2       istry,”.

3       (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
4       section apply beginning on the date specified in section  
5       2(a).