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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit reductions in the workforce at the Drug Enforcement
Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PAPPAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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Enforcement Administration, 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 “Laboratory Analysts
5 and Biometric Personnel Act of 2025” or the “LAB Per-
6 sonnel Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REDUCING THE LABORATORY**
2 **WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT**
3 **AGENCY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The laboratory workforce at the
5 Drug Enforcement Administration shall be exempt from
6 any hiring freezes or workforce reductions related to
7 spending cuts, reprogramming of funds, or the proba-
8 tionary status of employees.

9 (b) LABORATORY WORKFORCE AT THE DRUG EN-
10 FORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “laboratory workforce at the Drug Enforce-
12 ment Administration” means—

13 (1) positions in the Drug Enforcement Admin-
14 istration at forensic laboratories of the Drug En-
15 forcement Administration, including—

16 (A) forensic chemists;

17 (B) fingerprint specialists;

18 (C) digital forensic examiners; and

19 (D) any other positions in the Drug En-
20 forcement Administration at such forensic lab-
21 oratories; and

22 (2) other positions in the Drug Enforcement
23 Administration at locations other than such a foren-
24 sic laboratory that will be relocated to such a foren-
25 sic laboratory that, as of the date of the enactment

1 of this Act, is being constructed or otherwise final-
2 ized.

3 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion may be construed to restrict the authority of the At-
5 torney General to manage the workforce of the Depart-
6 ment of Justice under existing procedures in cases of mis-
7 conduct or poor performance.