

A BILL

To abolish the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, repeal the provisions of law establishing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Abolition Act of 2026”.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a component of the Department of Health and Human Services, conducts disease surveillance, issues public health guidance and recommendations, funds State and local health departments, and administers certain quarantine and travel-related regulations.

(2) By directing public health policy within the States and collecting health data on Americans, the CDC expends money drawn from the Treasury on objects that are not among the enumerated powers of Congress, exceeding the “general Welfare” clause of Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which James Madison explained in Federalist No. 41 is limited by the specific powers enumerated after it and confers no separate power to spend for any object Congress may choose.

(3) By directing public health policy within the States and collecting health data on Americans, the CDC regulates activities that are local and intrastate in character, exceeding the power granted in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 “To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes,” a power that, as understood at ratification, reaches trade and exchange across State lines and not production, local activity, or the internal affairs of the States.

(4) The functions of the CDC are not “necessary and proper for carrying into Execution” any power vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States and therefore find no support in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which Madison in Federalist No. 44 described as a means of executing powers already granted rather than a source of new ones, as the Anti-Federalist writer Brutus warned in his first essay of 1787 it would otherwise become.

(5) The CDC exercises lawmaking power by issuing rules and standards that carry the force of law, contrary to Article I, Section 1, which vests “All legislative Powers herein granted” in the Congress alone, which may not transfer them to officers unaccountable to the people at the ballot box.

(6) By issuing directives and guidance used to restrict worship, assembly, and speech during public health emergencies, the CDC infringes the freedom of speech, the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and the free exercise of religion, secured by the First Amendment, which provides that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

(7) By collecting and aggregating health data about individual Americans, the CDC infringes the Fourth Amendment’s protection of “the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures,” and its requirement that no warrants shall issue “but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

(8) By restricting liberty and the use of private property through public health orders issued without due process of law, the CDC violates the Due Process Clause and Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment, which provide that no person shall “be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law” and that private property shall not “be taken for public use, without just compensation”.

(9) In carrying out its functions, the CDC disregards the Ninth Amendment, which provides that “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people,” including the right of the people to order their own lives, property, and affairs free of federal direction in matters the Constitution does not commit to the Federal Government.

(10) The Constitution delegates to the United States no power over public health, quarantine within the States, and the health choices of individuals. By directing public health policy within the States and collecting health data on Americans, the CDC exercises powers that the Tenth Amendment reserves “to the States respectively, or to the people,” contrary to Federalist No. 45, in which Madison described the powers delegated to the Federal Government as “few and defined” and those remaining in the States as “numerous and indefinite.”

(11) The Declaration of Independence affirms that governments are instituted to secure the unalienable rights of the people and derive “their just powers from the consent of the governed,” and it charged the Crown with having “erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.” The CDC perpetuates the centralized administration the Declaration condemned.

(12) Abolishing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and repealing the provisions of law establishing it will reduce the size and cost of the Federal Government, return to the States and to the people the powers the Constitution reserves to them, and restore the constitutional principles of limited government and enumerated powers.

SECTION 3. ABOLITION OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) In General.—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a component of the Department of Health and Human Services, is hereby abolished effective immediately following the enactment of this Act.

(b) Wind-Down Operations.—Immediately following the enactment of this Act, the President shall designate an appropriate official to expeditiously wind down the operations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ceasing all functions, none of which shall be transferred to any other department or agency of the Federal Government.

(c) Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.—All assets, liabilities, contracts, property, and records of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be transferred to the designated official under subsection (b) for appropriate disposition.

(d) Employee Transition.—Employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be offered opportunities for reassignment within the federal government or provided with severance and retraining assistance as prescribed by existing federal law.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS OF LAW ESTABLISHING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) In General.—The provisions of law establishing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any provision of law vesting functions in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are hereby repealed.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—The United States Code and all other relevant Federal laws are amended by—

(1) striking all references to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and to any office, officer, or function established in or vested in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(2) terminating every function of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, no part of which shall be reassigned to any other department or agency of the Federal Government; and

(3) making such other conforming changes as necessary to reflect the repeal and the permanent abolition of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(c) Effective Date.—The repeal under this section shall take effect immediately following the enactment of this Act.

SECTION 5. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

(a) No Restoration of Prior Structures.—No element of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall revert to its organizational structure as it existed prior to the establishment of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and no function of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be restored to any predecessor department, agency, or office.

(b) Permanent Abolition.—No department, agency, office, or other entity shall be established to carry out the functions of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention abolished by this Act.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.