

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Reps. Pohutsky, McFall, Arbit, Weiss, Rheingans and Martus  
offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge the United States Congress, the President  
2 of the United States, and the Secretary of the United States  
3 Department of Health and Human Services to take all necessary  
4 actions to support and ensure the provision of free and accessible  
5 COVID-19 vaccines for all.

6       Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the deaths of over  
7 one million Americans and disrupted the lives, health, and economic  
8 well-being of millions more. As a response to the pandemic, safe  
9 and effective vaccines were developed and authorized by the Food  
10 and Drug Administration to combat COVID-19 and its variants,  
11 significantly reducing severe illness, hospitalizations, and  
12 deaths; and

13       Whereas, Widespread access to COVID-19 vaccines is essential

1 for protecting public health, supporting economic recovery, and  
2 preventing future waves of infection. It is critical that COVID-19  
3 vaccines remain free and accessible to every person in the United  
4 States, regardless of income, insurance status, or immigration  
5 status; and

6       Whereas, Despite the demonstrated benefits of vaccination,  
7 access remains unequal due to socioeconomic disparities, geographic  
8 challenges, and the expiration of federal funding that once  
9 guaranteed free vaccine availability. Additionally, public  
10 confidence in vaccines has been undermined by misinformation,  
11 placing individuals and communities at risk; and

12       Whereas, Elected officials and public figures bear a  
13 responsibility to promote public health, support science-based  
14 policies, and advocate for equitable access to medical resources,  
15 including vaccines. These individuals should support and advocate  
16 for universal vaccine access and refrain from promoting  
17 misinformation that undermines confidence in lifesaving public  
18 health measures. This is especially true of the Secretary of the  
19 United States Department of Health and Human Services; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the  
22 United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the  
23 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human  
24 Services to take all necessary actions to support and ensure the  
25 provision of free and accessible COVID-19 vaccines for all; and be  
26 it further

27       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
28 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
29 House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States

1 Senate, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health  
2 and Human Services.