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URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR
INCREASED MANUFACTURE OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a number
of things that concern most Americans; and

WHEREAS, one of those is the number and high
percentage of drugs essential for American citizens that are
manufactured and produced in foreign countries; it has been
reported that as much as 90 percent of the antibiotics
consumed in the United States are manufactured in China or
other foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alabama believes it is
not only foolish, but dangerous, for the United States to
depend on foreign countries, even friendly ones, much less
countries that are, or could be, hostile to our own country
and its citizens, to supply our country and countrymen with
essential drugs; this is true at any time, but especially so
during a pandemic; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body hereby urges the

1 administration of President Biden, the United States Congress,
2 the United States Food and Drug Administration, and any other
3 government agency or entity that has influence or control over
4 the manufacture of essential drugs to use whatever reasonable
5 means necessary to encourage the manufacture of essential
6 drugs within the United States.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
8 resolution be delivered to President Biden, the members of the
9 Alabama Congressional Delegation, and the Commissioner of Food
10 and Drugs, so that the sentiments of this body on this urgent
11 issue be known.