

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prohibit the cancellation of grants awarded under programs to which appropriations have been made.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3315

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to coordinate to improve cybersecurity in the health care and public health sectors, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON GRANT TERMINATIONS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

4 (1) The National Institutes of Health (referred
5 to in this section as the “NIH”) is the largest public
6 funder of biomedical research in the world, and re-
7 search funded by the NIH has contributed to vir-
8 tually every drug approved by the Food and Drug
9 Administration between 2010 and 2019.

1 (2) Despite Congress providing full funding for
2 NIH, the Department of Health and Human Serv-
3 ices has terminated or frozen hundreds of research
4 grants that were lawfully awarded and in progress,
5 including at least \$273,000,000 for cancer research,
6 \$94,000,000 for Alzheimer's disease research,
7 \$83,000,000 for diabetes research, and
8 \$111,000,000 for heart disease research.

9 (3) Grant terminations have disrupted 304 clin-
10 ical trials involving hundreds of thousands of pa-
11 tients, including 69 trials involving children.

12 (4) Terminating grants mid-study destroys
13 years of scientific work, wastes prior taxpayer in-
14 vestments, harms patients enrolled in clinical trials,
15 and forces researchers to abandon their careers.

16 (5) In August 2025, the Department of Health
17 and Human Services cut nearly \$11,000,000,000 in
18 grants under the Centers for Disease Control and
19 Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental
20 Health Services Administration, and more recently
21 attempted to terminate nearly \$2,000,000,000 in
22 grants under the Substance Abuse and Mental
23 Health Services Administration.

24 (6) When Congress appropriates funds for a
25 program and specifies that program in statute or an

1 accompanying report, executive termination of
2 grants awarded under that program undermines
3 congressional intent.

4 (b) PROHIBITION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case that an appro-
6 priation has been made to a program under the De-
7 partment of Health and Human Services for the fis-
8 cal year in effect on the date of enactment of this
9 Act or any prior fiscal year, and such program is
10 specified in the Act making such appropriation or in
11 a report accompanying such an Act, the Secretary of
12 Health and Human Services may not cancel any
13 grant awarded under such program before the period
14 of performance, as specified in the original grant
15 award or extension of such award, is complete, ex-
16 cept in the case of financial mismanagement, re-
17 search fraud, or malfeasance.

18 (2) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1)
19 shall apply with respect to fiscal years 2026 through
20 2029.