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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Welch introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________________

A BILL

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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 “National Institutes of Health Director Protection Act”.

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May 21, 2020 (5:07 p.m.)
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SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OR NATIONAL CENTER OF THE NIH.

Section 405(a)(2)(E) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284(a)(2)(E)) is amended—

(1) in the heading of subparagraph (E), by striking “Rule of Construction” and inserting “Termination for Cause”; and

(2) by inserting “, except that any such termination may be made only on the basis of malfeasance by, neglect of office by, or incapacity of the director” before the period.