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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Covering Coronavirus
5 Test Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH**
2 **INSURANCE ISSUERS OFFERING GROUP OR**
3 **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**
4 **TO COVER COVID-19 TESTING WITHOUT COST**
5 **SHARING.**

6 Section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300gg–11) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

13 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”;

15 (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
16 paragraph (6); and

17 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(5) any service consisting of a test furnished
20 for purposes of diagnosing COVID-19.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(3) CLARIFICATION OF NONAPPLICATION OF
24 INTERVAL TO COVID-19 LABORATORY TESTS.—The
25 interval described in paragraph (1) shall not apply
26 to services described in subsection (a)(5).”.