

I voted Yes on H.R. 6672, to reauthorize certain programs with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response.

This legislation would reauthorize several public health programs within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that would improve capacity and coordination across the federal government in the event of a public health emergency. H.R. 6672 would also reauthorize the Veterans Affairs medical centers and research facilities to combat against attacks with weapons of mass destruction through 2017. Finally, this legislation would establish a National Advisory Committee on Children to oversee work across federal agencies to help care for children in the aftermath of disasters.

I support extending these existing programs which play a critical role in addressing public health needs in the case of emergency or natural disaster.

The bill was approved by a vote of 383 – 16.