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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Wicker (for himself, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Sullivan, and Mr. Young) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________

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tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Critical Infrastructure

Employee Protection Act of 2020”.

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SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF COVID–19 TESTING NEEDS OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EMPLOYEES.

   (a) In General.—The Secretary of Transportation shall—

   (1) adopt, for use by the Department of Transportation in carrying out response efforts relating to, and operations during, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic, the categorization of "essential critical infrastructure workers" identified in the Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce published by the Department of Homeland Security on March 28, 2020 (or a subsequent version of that guidance); and

   (2) coordinate with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support efforts of State and local governments to provide for—

   (A) priority testing of essential critical infrastructure workers (as that term is used in paragraph (1)) with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19); and

   (B) priority access to personal protective equipment, sanitizers, nonmedical-grade facial coverings, and other health-related or protective
supplies necessary to safely perform essential
critical infrastructure work.

(b) APPLICATION.—Nothing in this section requires
the provision of priority testing or priority access to per-
sonal protective equipment for essential critical infrastruc-
ture workers (as that term is used in subsection (a)(1))
to be prioritized over the provision of that testing or access
to personal protective equipment for other individuals who
are identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
vention or any other relevant Federal, State, or local agen-
cy as having a higher priority for that testing or access
to personal protective equipment, including—

   (1) patients;
   (2) healthcare workers; and
   (3) first responders.