

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

**I call upon you to exercise your authority under Article 61 of the International Health Regulations (IHR) to send an official notice to REJECT THE AMENDMENTS to the International Health Regulations that were adopted by the 75<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly on May 27, 2022, and to do so BEFORE the deadline of December 1, 2023.**

Your administration originally sought to shorten the time period for entry into force from 24 months to 6 months in an attempt to ensure that any amendments adopted at the 77<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly would come into legally binding effect within your term of office.

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA75/A75\\_18-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA75/A75_18-en.pdf) (page 12)

The amendment to Article 59 serves no legitimate health-related purpose. It will not improve the health, nor will it enhance the safety of any American. The primary purpose of the amendment to Article 59 is to reduce the time to reject the next round of amendments that are being negotiated in secret by the Working Group for amendments to the International Health Regulations. When your original package of amendments was rejected, your administration then attempted to save face by submitting a second, smaller and DIFFERENT package of amendments in violation of Article 55 of the IHR:

The second package of amendments that were submitted by your administration:

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA75/A75\\_ACONF7-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA75/A75_ACONF7-en.pdf)

Your administration's submission of these proposed amendments was in clear violation of Article 55, Section 2 of the International Health Regulations which states:

*“The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to all States Parties by the Director-General at least four months before the Health Assembly at which it is proposed for consideration.”*

The final version of the amendments that were adopted on May 27, 2022:

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA75/A75\\_ACONF7Rev1-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA75/A75_ACONF7Rev1-en.pdf)

Video recording of the amendments being adopted:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=M3931vg1650&t=466s>

The amended Articles to the IHR, as they will be if they are not rejected by December 1, 2023.

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA75/A75\\_R12-en.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA75/A75_R12-en.pdf)

The International Health Regulations:

<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/246107/9789241580496-eng.pdf>

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Sincerely,