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To require the removal of aliens in detention during a national emergency related to a communicable disease, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  

Mr. Gaetz 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 “Protect American Na-
5  tionals During Emergencies by Mitigating the Immigration Crisis Act” or the “PANDEMIC Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF DETAINED ALIENS DURING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO A COMM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any unlawfully present alien who is detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement during a national emergency related to a communicable disease (regardless of whether the alien was taken into custody before or during the national emergency related to a communicable disease) shall be removed from the United States in a manner which eliminates the need for additional detention at any processing center of the Department of Homeland Security and in a manner which assures expeditious removal.

(b) APPLICABILITY TO CRIMINAL ALIENS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an alien against whom charges for a crime of violence are pending.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION.

In this Act:

(1) The term “national emergency related to a communicable disease” means—

(A) an emergency involving Federal primary responsibility determined to exist by the President under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-
ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)) with respect to a
communicable disease; or

(B) a national emergency declared by the
President under the National Emergency Act
(50 U.S.C. 1610 et seq.) with respect to a com-
municable disease.

(2) The term “alien” has the meaning given the
term under section 101 of the Immigration and Na-


(3) The term “crime of violence” has the mean-
ing given the term under section 16 of title 18,

United States Code.