



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6008

Introduced by: **Representative Schaeffbauer**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** requesting the attorney general file a lawsuit against
2 **the People's Republic of China and related parties to seek damages related to**
3 **the COVID-19 global pandemic.**

4 WHEREAS, the SARS CoV-2 virus originated as a result of a gain-of-function viral genetic
5 research project at the People's Liberation Army bioweapons BSL-4 laboratory in Wuhan,
6 China; and

7 WHEREAS, the SARS-CoV-2 virus causes COVID-19, a respiratory illness responsible for
8 the 2020 global viral pandemic; and

9 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic killed thousands of South Dakota residents and placed
10 undue cost and strain on medical providers, medical facilities, nursing homes, healthcare
11 workers, business communities, and the general public;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred
13 First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the attorney
14 general is requested to file a lawsuit, and shall, without further authorization or directive from
15 this Legislature, join and cooperate in any similar or existing state or federal litigation, against
16 the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, and the People's Liberation
17 Army bioweapons BSL-4 laboratory located in Wuhan, China, and all responsible parties,
18 governmental, foreign and domestic, seeking one hundred billion dollars in compensatory and
19 punitive damages for engaging in irresponsible and dangerous gain-of-function viral genetic
20 research that resulted in the creation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the COVID-19 global
21 pandemic; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature is requested to establish
23 and empower a South Dakota COVID-19 Victims Relief Fund, which will be a committee made
24 up of lawyers, medical professionals, financial experts, legislators, and victims, to administer,

1 oversee, direct, and disburse any and all damages and compensatory moneys secured from
2 the People's Republic of China and ancillary parties to South Dakota citizens and families
3 thereof, as compensation for the death, sickness, medical costs, business closures, loss of
4 income, or personal or financial hardship caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, up to an amount
5 of two hundred fifty thousand dollars per impacted person, upon reasonable and documented
6 proof of losses directly attributable to the COVID-19 global pandemic.