



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Concurrent Resolution 6009

Introduced by: **Representative** Schaeffbauer

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the attorney general to file a lawsuit**  
2 **against the People's Republic of China and related parties to seek damages**  
3 **related to 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  
13 Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
14 attorney general is requested to file a lawsuit, and join and cooperate in any similar or existing  
15 state or federal litigation, against the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist  
16 Party, and the People's Liberation Army bioweapons BSL-4 laboratory located in Wuhan,  
17 China, seeking one hundred billion dollars in compensatory and punitive damages for  
18 engaging in irresponsible and dangerous gain-of-function viral genetic research that resulted  
19 in the creation of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attorney general is requested to establish and  
21 empower a South Dakota COVID-19 Victims Relief Fund to administer, oversee, direct, and  
22 disburse any and all damages and compensatory moneys secured from the People's Republic  
23 of China and ancillary parties to South Dakota citizens and families thereof, as compensation  
24 for the death, sickness, medical costs, business closures, loss of income, or personal or

- 1 financial hardship caused by the SARS CoV-2 virus, up to an amount of two hundred and fifty
- 2 thousand dollars per impacted person, upon reasonable and documented proof of losses
- 3 directly attributable to the COVID-19 global pandemic.